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because after all the rules do require that there be a quorum present. So let's assume that a quorum is present there would be 25 people here under those circumstances, and I can see, I think circumstances where unanimous consent motion could be considered. Now, the Chairman of the Rules Committee is shaking his hand, so apparently we have some difference, and maybe that another point that needs to be discussed. Senator Duis do you care to expand on the issue.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I'm trying to keep from too much discussion. I think the rules stands for itself, and I do not wish any interpretations at the present time of other people in regard to it. This merely states 25 votes. And I think that's exactly what it means.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Well Mr. President, I think Senator Stahmer is to be congratulated anything we can do to slow down this process and make it more reasonable we should certainly do. Now a lot of flack has been thrown out here, well on little old amendments, you know there is no such thing down here as little old amendment. You are right in history when you pass a law that may be on the books for a hundred or more years. There's no such thing as...in a fact as I look back over my experience, those little old amendments have got me into lots of trouble. And many times on this floor there are only...we are the smallest Legislative body in the United States. There are only 49 of us. And if you can't get 25 votes for a little old amendment, then you shouldn't have that amendment. And one thing further, let's just assume for a moment, which I don't think this about assumption, but let's assume that Senator Chambers is right. That this is going to slow us down too much. Well you know all you got to do is put 30 votes up there and change it. Which you can do next year with 30 simple votes. That's how simple it is. What's the matter with trying something different for a change. In my judgement most anything would be an improvement.

CLERK: Mr. President, a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: I move to amend the Johnson amendment as follows, add after the period, except that no amendment may be offered on any bill unless there are 40 members present on the floor. (Signed) Senator Keyes.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. President, I've seen it on the floor of this Legislature try to operate and get 25 votes. I've seen you sit there and beg and beg and beg to get 25 votes on any bill. Now if we really want to get down to representing the people of this state on the floor of this Legislature, we're going to be present to do it. We can't do it if we're not here. And certainly with 25 out of the 49 men present this is not possible to be done. So all I say is, if we want to slow it down, if we really want to get something done on the floor of the Legislature. And have the people know what's going on, have the Senator's be on the floor of the Legislature