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so that their people back home know that every time there is a vote, at least 40 out of the 49 are here. I think this is one of the most best amendments that's been offered is this bill is this resolution here today. So ask for us to vote on it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: I know I'm out of order, but we might as well make it 49. I suggest that type amendment instead of 40.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter. Quit hollering for the question, there are people who want to discuss the bill. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: All I want to say, if it attempts to slow us down, we're doing it without even our knowledge of doing this. And I'm in hearty agreement with this. You can rest assured every place I can I'm going to slow it down within the rules. You can override that by suspending the rules on each and every thing. Or you can suspend the rules all day and then we will have a real field day. I'm in favor of that. You are getting done what you don't want to do and it would be good experience for you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, htere is a word that comes to my mind and it's asinine, but I'm not going to use it in connection with the discussion. But a quorum is a majority

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of the elected members of this body. I don't see how by a Rules change that does not deal with any rule relating to a quorum and it's ability to transact business. We can set a number which, if it is not present no business or a business of a certain kind cannot be transacted. Now they can say that a certain number are required to pass on a certain motion. But I don't believe Senator Keyes amendment is in order because it, in effect would say certain business cannot be transacted unless a number more than a quorum as laid down by the rules is present. So I think his motion as an amendment to this particular Rules change is out of order.

PRESIDENT: That would be a separate change of the rules. And under that of course it should be presented to the Rules Committee Senator Duis, do you care to comment? This amendment would require that 40 people be present when you invoke the 25 member approval of each amendment.

SENATOR DUIS: I think if they wish to amend this particular rule they probably can try it any way they want to. I again beg of this Legislature if they can possibly not to continue debate here, if they can settle this question fine, I'm almost