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vote aye. All those opposed vote no. This motion is to close debate on Speaker Proud's motion. Thank you. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, no nays.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Speaker Proud, do you have a closing? Speaker Proud is now closing.

SPEAKER PROUD: For closing, this is just strictly up to the judgment of the Body.

PRESIDENT: Do you all understand the motion? The motion is to suspend the rules, go immediately to General File except for motions that might be pending here from a time situation that have to be dispatched. That is the motion. Now, the question is, if you...if you support the motion, vote aye. If not, vote no. Wait a minute, Senator Carpenter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Is the motion in order for an amendment?

PRESIDENT: No, it's closed debate and everything's been closed off, Senator. Either vote it up or down. All those in favor of the motion vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Okay. The Clerk will record. Read the totals.

(End of Belt #1)

(Begin Belt #2)

CLERK: 12 ayes, 22 nays.

PRESIDENT: The motion is lost. Now, Senator Carpenter, did you have an alternate proposal or some suggestion here. Just a second, Rif...Senator Richendifer. Stand by.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Only to say we all have to compromise. If someone now wants to make the motion that I formally made which you all know what it is. I will not object to it. I would presume if you did that, we could get the completion on these Final Readings in not over two hours.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. President, I would ask that the Clerk read speedily, silently, and he could skip a few pages as far as I'm concerned.

PRESIDENT: Well, nope, can't do that. Sorry, Senator Richendifer, the motion's out of order. Senator Goodrich, did you want to be heard.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, I would submit a motion that the Clerk read expeditiously and quietly and that we do not have to stay in our seats as long as we stay in the chamber.

PRESIDENT: All right now, the Chair accepts that. Just a moment here. Senator Waldron, did you want to be heard? All right. Now, if we're going to do this, let's follow what's been suggested and I don't think we need to vote on