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SENATOR LEWIS: I rise to support Senator Barnett, a in the suspension of the rules. If we are going to read everyone of these bills, then lets get back to Select File, if we are not lets take the bills up.

SPEAKER: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: No comment, lets just get on with the business.

SPEAKER: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say to this body that we did suspend the rules with 30 votes to spend 10 minutes on each of the underlined bills which had not been previously discussed. We did this, that would mean that Senator Carpenter's would be out of order unless he could get 30 votes to put his into effect.

SPEAKER: Senator Marsh the Chair would observe that depends upon how fast the Clerk reads. I take Senator Carpenter's motion in order, whether it is practical or not is for the body to decide. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have a question. Mr. President, did Senator Carpenter request that each bill be read, word for word, doesn't have to be voted on does it? Can't any member demand that? Or does it require a vote?

SPEAKER: Yes, you can, and Senator Carpenter did and now Senator Barnett moved that the rules be suspended and that the bills be not read. What I am saying is that we don't need a 30 vote on Senator Carpenter's motion and 30 on Senator Barnetts.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am opposed to Senator Barnett's motion I'll tell you why. There is an issue involved here as to what a Senator is entitled to have. Based on the rules of the legislature and how it is suppoed to proceed in an orderly fashion. Now we are in the last days and everything is in shambles abut I'm not going to vote to take away the Senators right for whatever motives to demand that every bill be read. If he is the Pied Piper, then that means that everyone who follows him is a rat, but on occasion two men can be walking down the same path totally oblivious of each other. So I'm not going to vote for Senator Barnett's motion to take away the Senator right to have every bill read word for word, in fact it will bring everybody back to reality because of the fact that 25 or more of you had not voted to require 25 votes to amend a bill on General File and all of the other games that were being played we wouldn't be in the mind that we are in now. The die is cast, the session is lost, and there is no need now to try and recruit in one day what has been lost in 56 days. I think what Senator Carpenter did, is in the tradition of what Senator Carpenter generally does and before the day is over he will try and come up with a way

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