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making light of this body, but I'm only serious and I'm extremely serious...when I presented this rule change because of the people back in my district telling me what they think about our legislative body. And once more I would like to remind this body that we are not being paid what we really should be paid for the work that we do here. The people of this state have not given us that, and that is their right and privilege according to our constitution, but let me suggest to you that part of that reason may be the way we conduct ourselves and the way this body does its legislative process. I think that the criticism that we get to some degree is justified. Some of it is not...I'm the first to admit, but I believe in adopting this rule change we can upgrade our image, if that's what we need to upgrade, and I'm not playing games with anybody. I'm not being mean to anybody. I'm only trying to present to you what I think is a constructive upgrading of our Unicameral system, and I would hope that you would see fit to go along with that recommendation, and hope that we keep this workload down. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Distinguished President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the amended rule change. Some people have said that this afternoon was not very important in terms of the issue being discussed, but it's time that we legitimately and honestly air those issues. Well I think there is a number of us that have developed some character in terms of refusing to handle bills, because I think after the first year or two you learn it's not fun to run from committee to committee carrying a piece of legislation that no doubt you may not have the most serious interest in, and I think that's important. I think it's important to articulate a couple of things. First of all, I'm in favor of no limit, and I apologize for introducing seven bills this year. I introduced one last time and that was seven too many this time and one too many last, just for my own interest. But I certainly could live with any kind of limit and I guarantee you it will be a cold day before I ever carry ten bills again, and I don't plan to do that. But if there is a need to emphasize the issue at hand, the Legislature is like your ugly sister, you know, wherever you go nobody wants her, but I think that that is perpetuated by the fact it's a very complex situation. I asked people if they ever served with a committee of forty-nine, all diversified, all different,