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So by our own rules we might set one person or five or it could be twenty-five, I have no idea, but at least we would have the control over it and I suspect it would probably be a very low number necessary to object to not reading a bill on final passage. So I would, with that short explanation, I would move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I think I would like to pursue that a little bit. Senator Reutzel, would you explain that a little bit more to me? You are going to put in your constitutional amendment, a clause that will say the Legislature would have the right to read or not read the bills?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Senator Kahle, we would read every bill on Final Reading except as provided by the rules of the Legislature. So we could put a provision in there whereby if one person objected, well, excuse me, let me back up. I guess we would not read unless our provisions said so. So if our provisions said one person objected or two people or three to not having it read on Final Reading, then we would indeed go ahead and read it on Final Reading.

SENATOR KAHLE: Are you going the positive or the negative way, I guess, is what I want to say?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Well I guess it is the negative. It would not be read unless ...

SENATOR KAHLE: Unless somebody required it and asked that it be read.

SENATOR REUTZEL: It would be much like Consent Calendar. It could be much like Consent Calendar whereby three people would file up there and then we would have to read it. It could be something like that or it could be a vote of five people or something like that.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well you have mentioned that you hate to put it in the statutes or in the Constitution in this case that it would be ironclad but I am wondering what the public is going to think about it.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Well all I said, Senator Kahle, was I hesitate to put a number in the Constitution such as our salary. What was adequate ten years ago, you know, we never can get changed and it is not adequate now. If we put in