

legislative time on Final Reading, we can have much more time on General File, much more time on Select File to look at the bills. Now just take a sixty day session. If we can eliminate the equivalent of fifteen days by not having Final Reading we can add that to the legislative process. We don't have to get bogged down or if we do get bogged down on a bill and it takes longer than one morning we can carry that over. We are not cramped for time. If we put this on the ballot, if it passes, we can provide by our own rules a method by which we can have more time on General or Select File to consider the bills. There have been several senators and probably every one of us at one time or another would like to have had more time on one of our bills on General or Select File for debate and probably every one of us in here have felt at one time or another that we haven't had enough time and if we had just a little bit more time, maybe another hour's debate, maybe another two hour's debate or let it lay over until another day, that we could have had the necessary votes to pass one of our bills. I would urge the body to think about this very carefully and move the bill over to Final Reading. We are not going to vote on its final passage today. It is going to be some time before we ever get around to that but I think we ought to move it over and at least think about it before a vote on final passage.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President, members of the body, I think we have missed a few points here so I will take as few moments as possible but Marvel made the statement that we should go over every word by word. To me, if we would spend about half the summer and fall going over hearings and check a lot of these points out that has taken place over the state and refine some of this area that has trouble rather than going over words, I think we will come out a lot further ahead. There is a lot of things going on over this state that without a first hand look we end up on the short end. A few words ain't going to take care of that and Senator Keyes made a statement I can't agree with. He states that the cost of having this put on the ballot. Does he ever stop to figure how many hours is spent reading these Final Readings? That costs money too. The way I have got it figured it costs over \$3,000 an hour to sit here and debate this and Final Reading won't cost the same as \$3,000 an hour. So add up that to the hours that we read on these bills and does that come out less than what it would be to put it on the ballot? Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.