

because of that, now admittedly I do not need to spend the eight hours that a four hundred page bill takes to be read to do that but that is the exceptional kind of bill but those that are three or four pages, that time that is spent, even if it is mumbled by the Clerk, is beneficial for me to give that one last thought and for those reasons I have traditionally, I think maybe one time I voted to put it on the ballot but traditionally I have opposed it and for myself it is a time perhaps lost but it is well spent for me to give one last review of the policy that is proposed so I will vote against the amendment for those reasons even though I readily agree with those who are promoting it that in terms of cost, in terms of time loss, that time could probably be used more productively on long bills but I would hate to sit here and vote on a dozen bills in two minutes by the number without that opportunity for a little review of is this the right thing to do.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I guess there is a broader question here that I think we have alluded to but I am not sure it has really been brought out and that is the question of just the time that we have to spend on these bills and the fact that Final Reading as Senator Warner says in the shorter bills is time well spent but then we have got the situation with the fifteen, sixteen and hundred page bills that take a long time to go through mumbling or not and I really think that probably I could live and I do appreciate Final Reading in its opportunity to give me a chance to think once again one last time about how I want to vote on a bill. I appreciate that opportunity just as Senator Warner does and I just think that probably the thing we ought to do, the alternative and the broader question that we ought to be considering is the whole question of the time we have to spend on bills down here and I think we do. We spend a lot of time in session, during the interim looking at bills, trying to know what they do, trying to vote wisely and I really have come to respect in my one year in the Legislature that the work that has been put in down here. It is an incredible body for the pay that we receive and the time that we have, the sort of work product that comes out of here is just amazing to me. My feeling is that the real question is the situation with the time limits that we place on ourselves to deal with six hundred bills, the pay limits, the \$4,800 that we have to live on to try and survive on during the period to deal with these massive amounts of bills and policy decisions we have to make and