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your adoption.

PRESIDENT: There is an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Abboud would move to amend Senator Johnson's proposal. (Senator Abboud's amendment appears on page 192 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I'm offering an amendment onto Senator Vard Johnson's rule change in what I feel is a more realistic approach in dealing with the rules of the Legislature. I realize in the past that we have had limitations on the body on how many bills we can introduce. I believe the Pages are handing out my amendment that I'm offering to Senator Johnson's rules change. Now what my approach is, it's relatively simple. It just says that each senator shall be limited to 10 bills. If we want to go with an approach of a limitation on the amount of hearings that each committee will have to go through, I know serving on Judiciary that it can be a very tedious chore that we are involved with...

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud, would you speak into your microphone a little more directly.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay, how's this sound? Better? Okay. Okay, it's better. What this amendment does do is it puts a limitation of 10 bills per individual senator that can be introduced, bills can be introduced. I did leave the seven day limitation on bill introduction because I think that's probably enough time for all of us to get our bills together and dropped into the hopper, but I foresee a real, real danger with Senator Vard Johnson's proposal and that danger is that we could have a few individuals in this body could somehow finagle the bill introduction process so that their bills will get through, so their certain committees will hear their particular proposals and I don't feel that's really fair to the other 49 members of this body or the members, let's say, that have less seniority, especially to the senators that are in their second year, freshman, sophomore year of the legislative process. So my proposal I think is a more realistic approach. If we're going to go with the limitation, let's put a 10 limitation, 10 bill limitation on each individual member and then there will