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generally followed and we were going to be completed on the 28th of February because that was about when normally the hearings have been completed in the short session. But I would want you to give some thought at least if there are limits put on this stringent, it, obviously, will mean that the hearings on appropriations will be much shorter than normal, which I have some concern about if we are looking at ways to reduce the budget because we get a lot more attention when we are doing that than when we are expanding it. So I have a lot of reservations about what Senator Johnson is proposing. I appreciate what he is attempting to do but it does have some practical problems for the Appropriations Committee that may not be as difficult for some of the other committees, although, obviously, it would preclude individual members from having bills heard. But, at least, I would hope you give some thought when you vote on this to the time frame for putting together appropriations.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting to cease debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Johnson to close, please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, it seemed to me during the course of the debate on this particular section of my proposed rule change that the level of support has been very modest, if almost nonexistent, other than myself. Now, I don't know if my speaking will cause that to change but I will tell you a simple story. Senator Chambers has talked about the United States Congress. Senator Haberman has talked about Parliament. I am going to talk about the legislatures of 49 other states. In 49 other states not every bill that is introduced is subject to a public hearing. In fact, in 49 other states a party caucus or a committee chairman or a committee will sit down and make a decision somewhere along the line in the course of the legislative process as to which bills will be subject, number one, to a legislative hearing and of that number which bills will be subject to a