

they've got to do is keep their county attorney on their side and back them up and that's all they have to do. What this is designed to do is to straighten out that system, develop a system where we have an educational process, where it's centralized, where you can turn to a single entity and get opinions as to what one ought to do, to turn to them to get standardization. If you have a different technique by which you're going to be counting ballots, you can turn to this particular commission and they can pass a ruling or a judgment down as to whether that will conform to the law, if not here through rule and regulation, maybe a technique that you can and also come back to the Legislature and make recommendations to us for statutory changes that would be in the best interest of the election process. That is the nature of the substance of the bill. I think it's needed now more than ever and we've even put it up with an E clause with the idea that we want this commission on board so that they can go to work on some of these things before we get into another election cycle. So there is the reason and I think to suspend the rules and read it would be in order at this time. If I have any time left, I would like to give it to Senator Baack.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: There's about three and a half minutes left. Speaker Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam President, and colleagues, all I'm going to address is the actual rule suspension itself and I'm going to address it from the matter of how we operate in here. It would work much better if we could read this bill tonight. We're going to be here till midnight anyway because we are waiting for bills to come back down from the bill drafters' office and this bill is apparently going to be read. It's about 225 pages long. That would give us a chance to do that. And that's why I would like to suspend the rules and read it tonight. The A bill would come along tomorrow and have to be read and followed up just as it has been but they would be read at separate times is all. And that's why we're asking for the rule suspension. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Speaker Baack. The speaking order is Senators Withem, Chambers, Warner, Pirsch, Moore and Schimek. Senator Withem.