

1 having a lot of people that might be busy in committee
2 coming on the floor and an important bill isn't going to
3 get through on any 25 votes.

4 They had to change that in Washington years ago
5 because it was used as a means of blocking legislation
6 particularly if you have a fixed session. You can send
7 a lot of people out of town and then call up a bill and
8 you can't get a majority, a quorum can always be asked
9 for. Nothing can be done without a quorum.

10 JUDGE ADKINS: I think your problems in the
11 Congress are different from problems in the State Legis-
12 lature. I think this gives the leadership of the
13 Legislature entirely too much power to pass bills without
14 adequate notice. The Committee Chairman can touch the
15 time when he has his own little coterie of people on the
16 floor, vote it out without any kind of call.

17 MR. MILLER: You think he could pass it without
18 a quorum?

19 JUDGE ADKINS: No, but you can have a bare
20 quorum and be in session and nobody suggests the
21 absence of a quorum, and your record shows a quorum, so