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bill out because they needed that vote as cover so that they wouldn't be attacked by Right to Life, and the reason I say it, because they said it during our deliberations and the media were present, so that's not speaking out of school. But even if it was, I would mention it to show you that our colleagues often are not star...are stars of manhood and womanhood. So you've got the Christmas tree. It was constructed with the help of lobbyists. It is guaranteed a vote. The underlying bill is just the vehicle by which this is done. Some of us are cagey enough...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to offer bills at the beginning of the session which are so innocuous that nobody would be opposed to them and they'll wind up on consent calendar, and then that's the vehicle and the work is virtually done, and when it comes up for a vote that will go across the floor and all those bills will have made it without discussion, and that's when you'll hear the outcry from the media. To show how much I've tried to facilitate things for the Legislature, Senator Redfield, on at least one occasion I had a successful motion to move the entire consent calendar on one vote from General to Select File.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: At this point the agenda dictates that we will make preparations for the State of the State Address. What I would anticipate is after the address that we would read in a few bills and recess at that point in time. Mr. Clerk, do you have any announcements prior to moving to the State of the State? New bills?

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 1090-1099 by title for the first time.) Mr. President, in addition to those items, an announcement that Reference will meet upon recess in Room 2102; Reference, upon recess in Room 2102. (Legislative Journal pages 211-213.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair recognizes Senator Cudaback, for a motion.