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we'll have better legislation as a result. I think that Senator Kahle's idea that...that it's not good policy to have five hundred some bills introduced and then more introduced next year, and never get around to really considering them, and that maybe the only way we can get around to them is by meeting year round, because that's the way we'll have the time to pay some attention to those bills. Well, I know he wasn't, perhaps, serious about suggesting that we go to year round session, but I am. I think that maybe that's the solution that would deal with some of the problems I have. I'm not going to have a rule change or any amendments, or any bills coming up that will deal with that, but I think that passing Senator Beutler's proposed rule change would be a mistake and that we ought to look more long term and in a broader perspective on this matter, and I would urge you to oppose his rule change.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator George, and we have nine other lights on, and if you do not wish to speak, kindly turn your light off, thank you.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President and members, let's put all that theory and the philosophy aside. Just look for a moment on that blackboard over there where it says General File, and then look at where it says Final Reading. You know, we started out putting in these big nice numbers that anybody can read here without field glasses. Now look what happened on General File. They get smaller and smaller. They get cramped in there and we are not finished yet. There's absolutely no way to get every number of every bill on General File on that blackboard. So what are you talking about? If you've been around for a number of years, you know that we're going to have a hundred and twenty bills, just about, that's our regular load...about a hundred and twenty bills, cannot be handled. We'll go home after ninety days. They'll stay on General File. We will start for the short session, sixty days, where you can introduce the same number of bills plus a hundred and twenty bills that we have not treated in the long session. That makes absolutely no sense. People laugh about us in the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR GEORGE: I don't know what you want to do with your philosophy of personal freedom to have any kind of number of bills you want to. It doesn't make any sense. It is simple mathematics. You cannot make a bill that will lengthen the twenty-four hour day. Look at General File. Those numbers are getting smaller and smaller until you can't read them anymore, and