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I know we have a lot more, or at least we have a lot who are trained in one of the oldest tricks of the legal profession. When a lawyer doesn't have a very good case, one of the things that he tries to do is shift slightly from the real issue to a nonissue, and in that manner to divert the judge and the jury from considering the real issue head on. Let me tell you what the real issue is in this case, and what the nonissue that has been created is. The real issue is how many bills can you deal with intelligently in a sixty day period. The nonissue is the number of meritorious ideas that are floating around. Let me try to explain a little further what I mean by that. The question is not whether somebody is going to be limited as to the meritorious ideas that he has. I believe that everybody in this Legislature is intelligent enough to come up with way more than ten meritorious ideas. I think it's arrogant to presume that those who introduce less than ten bills are doing so because they can't think of ten good bills. So let's say, for example, that everybody did introduce the number of bills that he thought were meritorious. Let's say we had no limitations...let's say it was twenty each. Well, we'd be up into a thousand bills. Why shouldn't we do that? Okay. Now we get to the real issue. We don't do that because we can't intelligently deal with that number of bills in the time period provided. You come full circle around to to the true issue. What good is it to deal with meritorious issues if nobody has the time to give them thoughtful consideration? And Chairman Koch, I'm surprised at you. How many of our public hearings have you encouraged to be a shorter period of time? How many people have been prodded into quicker responses, and shorter responses of public hearings? Simply because we have so many bills to deal with, that we have to go on into the evening to deal with them. And I have seen a number of committee members and I would include myself in this group, who by the time they have gone through three and four hours of hearings on bills, are really not dealing intelligently with those bills any more.

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So please don't be distracted by the nonissue. There were a few other points made, and it was mentioned by Senator Chambers that it would be possible to suspend the rules anyway. Well, that's fine, if you want to suspend the rules that's a three-fifths vote, and that at least requires some increased measure of cooperation, and I think that you would have to increase...show some increase in the meritorious...in the merit of your idea to get that increased vote, and last I would just throw out even accepting for the moment the theory of meritorious ideas. If you can't get one other senator to