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particular kind of an elm club I might visit with the Chair, but for the moment I will accept it and offer the motion on Select File hoping that the bill never gets to Select File.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you. We are voting on the bill LB 291. Those in favor vote green, opposed red. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: The bill is advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: If I could have the attention of the Legislature for a moment, I would like to make a couple of comments. We have arrived at the crucial stage in the development of this Legislature. Somehow or other, and the Chair has indicated this morning that whoever presides is faced with a dilemma if debate is extensive and the committee chairmen are going to meet this afternoon to discuss bills that would be put on the special order, certain legislation. I would plead with you first of all, if you have specific points that you wish to make, that at least you would alert the Chair as to where these points can be found and I have no authority to try to limit debate but I think that if debate is extensive we are not going to cover the agenda that is before us. Now you understand the position this puts me in but I am going to try to work with the committee chairmen, pick out items that will go on special order. It is my responsibility to put them on special order and so I would plead with you to make your points on the issues but if we continue, for instance as we did on extensive debate on LB 484, there will be a number of issues that all of you are interested in that will not be covered. Now if any of you have any other suggestions for me, I would appreciate hearing them, but unless we cooperate and keep the debate reasonable and flowing, we simply are not going to cover the business that is before us and you have done an excellent job of cooperating up to now. General File is down to about 145 bills, half of those bills are also on consent file, and evidently you wanted the bills covered or you wouldn't have introduced them but you can turn around and defeat yourselves if we are not allowed to proceed in some orderly manner. I have one more item. I take this upon my own shoulders. I think that personal attacks of other members of the Legislature on this floor, whether they are attacks on you or me or anybody else, in the midst of debate