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life, Senator Nichol, and I am not asking for any compensation above the \$4,000, \$4,800 a year which some people feel is excessive, but every year we come to this same turn of events and we act surprised. And I feel like Sherlock Holmes did when he was talking about horseracing. He said it shocks him that everyday people will be surprised at horseracing events that one horse can run faster than another but they do show shock and amazement when they put money on one horse and another one outruns it. It would be amazing and shocking to me if we got to the last few days of the Legislature and did not have a glut of bills but they say sin in haste, repent in leisure. Now the other day many people wanted to stay on General File until the bong bill got over onto Select File. It was stated by some of us that if the debate did not occur on General File, it was going to have to occur on Select File. But when we are only looking at today, we say let tomorrow take care of itself. Sufficient unto this day is the evil thereof, which is true, but not only is the evil sufficient unto today but it is sufficient for tomorrow also and today is day before yesterday's day after tomorrow which puts us where we are. We are always going to have to pay the piper. We should have learned that from the tale of the Pied Piper. After the rats were gone, the city officials didn't want to pay for the job done. Now that we stayed here and hastened bills from General File to Select, we don't want to pay the piper. Had these bills been allowed to stay on General File where they belonged and only those that had been given adequate debate advanced to Select File, then perhaps we could say many of the bills before us have been properly debated, that the issues have been dealt with and it might wouldn't be too difficult to get a suspension of the rules, if necessary, to go ahead and move such a bill if it seems like delaying tactics are being employed. But when you have bills like some of these on here, and I won't even begin to identify them by number, any one of which might justify an entire afternoon of debate, there is no way we in good conscience could have only fifteen minutes debate and then advance such a bill. If somebody's pet bill does not advance, then there is going to be a scurrying around trying to get a reconsideration for that particular bill, and if they vote on the nonprevailing side, we already have a precedent where the one who lost can make a motion to suspend the rule related to reconsideration and we can go around and around and around, and I am going to tell you another tactic that can be used by anybody on the floor and I haven't used the rules for this purpose. If I have a bill on Select and you don't vote to advance it, then you had better have thirty votes for everyone of yours because I will