

and promises on the first day, then as the session moves on we see those people, some of them, become the hostage of the organizations and groups that bring legislation before them and they climb in bed with these groups. All those labels such as "liberal" and what not go out the window when the practical reality of standing against a powerful interest is placed before us. The Legislature will vote to suspend the rules and not allow further discussion on this bill. I know that. We have a lot of days remaining in this session and in the same way that people make statements about killing a bill because you don't want to talk about it for a long time, they are going to bring some bills up that are controversial and that some people don't want to talk about, but they won't want to hear the argument given, this is a complicated measure, we shouldn't discuss it because it takes too long. A serious change in how the Legislature conducts its business is being taken this morning and because there may be appointments with lobbyists, or whatever, we are going to cut off debate and hustle through a vote on it. I had a bill to abolish the death penalty and there were a number of senators who agreed to support it. An attempt was made to cut off debate and I knew I had the vote to get the bill moved, but I opposed the cutting off of debate because even though it was an issue that touches me where I live, people who were opposed to it had a right to express their view. But that doesn't matter because this is not one of those issues that enough senators are concerned about. So because they have no concern, it is unimportant. The importance of an issue is not determined by how many are in favor of it. The importance of it is determined by what it does and what impact it has on the system. You have won this morning, but sometimes a victory can be a Pyrrhic victory. That is where you commit so much of your resources to the battle that you win today but you have nothing with which to fight tomorrow, the next day, the next day, the next day and the next day. Not every issue is going to be so overwhelmingly one way, Senator Hefner, and I see you pointing at the clock. But I want to hear all of you conservatives talk in the future about bureaucracy and government on the backs of the people. I want to hear all of these statements about the openness of the Unicameral and how it gives all points of view a chance to be completely expressed. I want to hear all of the justifications if our budget becomes a subject of attack, talk about why we need legislative staff. We need legislative staff, Senator Goll, to help us draft bills to explain why we are incompetent to