

whole bunch of bills on General File that would not have any chance whatsoever of being dealt with this year. Many of those may be bills that you are interested in. So my sense is that this is an outdated proposal that isn't appropriate in today's situation. I think we ought to reject it out of hand and move on with other business instead of reviving a bill that was properly killed by a committee.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I will be very brief in my comments. I stand to oppose Senator Peterson's motion somewhat reluctantly, but I say...I will tell you this, I guess the one thing I am most concerned about is not the number of days that we are here, it is the amount of work that we do. It is the number of bills that we have introduced and I guess in part it is the public image that we put out to the public as they watch us work and I guess we do as much harm to ourselves as anything that I can see and it is not because we are here an extra 30 days during a long session or if we were here 60 days both years, I still think that the one key issue that we have to work to improve is our own public image with Nebraskans. And I think that can be improved by the quality of legislation that we introduce and that we ultimately enact. I think those are the questions that we have to ask ourselves when we start talking about legislative issues like this one. So I would just raise that point that it is not really how many days we are here, because we can do as much damage in 60 days as we can do in 90, I assume. But I would like to see us improve our own public image by trying to improve the quality of legislation that we pass. As I commented yesterday or the day before, I felt that one of the serious mistakes that we make on this floor is the need or the urgency to continue to move quickly on every issue so that we can get to the next bill. I think that if we take the time and the effort to examine, carefully examine the legislation that we have now before us, that maybe we wouldn't enact as many laws per each session and, in fact, we could enact legislation that would be worthwhile. And I recognize that everybody has their priorities in this legislative session, but, I, for one, oppose the idea of changing the dates because I don't think that is...if you really want to get to the heart of the problem, that is not the real problem.