

to say what I am saying. But I have a lot of ego and I have a lot of self-respect. I cannot control this body. I'm only 1/49th of it, but the record demonstrates that like a flock or a herd of docile sheep this Legislature scrambled into session at 9:00 p.m., then met after midnight, for what purpose? To hurry up and get rid of some days. Everybody will tend to say that not much needs to be done because you are dealing with only a technical matter, so there is no need in taking seven days, as was envisioned by those who drafted the Constitution, seven 24-hour periods. We all know that you can make a work day for the Legislature by meeting one minute and adjourning. But lets say that a powerful lobbying group would decide to ramrod an issue through this body, and those seven days which were designed to give the public an awareness and an opportunity to see what the Legislature is doing would be truncated or shortened again in the way it was in this instance. People, even on this floor, would begin to say this is not the way to legislate. But the lobbying group could say you, yourself, set the precedent, you are the ones who met at 9:00 p.m. at night, who met at midnight to hurry up and get some days out of the way so the public would not have an opportunity to be aware of what is going on. Haste is what brought us to where we are today. I'm going to read some very significant words attributed to Senator Beutler by Steven Stingley in the Monday, September 23, 1985 World Herald. "Beutler said that in the brief time of a special session it is difficult for senators to review and understand several proposals. Senators met Saturday from 11:28 p.m. to 11:35 p.m., and Sunday from 12:01 a.m. to 12:04 a.m. They met close to midnight in order to clock two legislative days at one sitting. They were the third and fourth days of what is expected to be a seven day special session. Senators met late Thursday and after midnight Friday to clock the first two days of the special session, which under the State Constitution must last at least seven legislative work days." Why is the session even shorter than those seven days? Because certain individuals in the Legislature said make it shorter. And now, after having achieved their purpose, they want to argue that there is not enough time to adequately consider what we could anticipate would come before us. Senator Johnson mentioned about giving his word in a negotiation. One person cannot give a word that binds another. Let him do what his word indicated he would do. He can't give his word and say, because he gave his word to stick with something he did a long time