

the last few days. If you will notice the number of bills that have been introduced, we are some--some under 300 bills and it is apparent that a number of Senators, myself included, are holding back on the introduction of some bills because they want to be sure that if something comes up from the last few days of the session that we have a slot for a bill. Secondly, I think and you will notice carefully you will see that some bills are being introduced by committees which normally would be introduced by individual senators and so there is going to be a sort of lack of authenticity in the authorship of some of these bills. Third, I'd also like to point out that some of the bills are being farmed out, that I have farmed out some of my bills to other senators and I appreciate their willingness to accept them, that I have lost some of the responsibility of those bills by doing so and I think that that weakens the legislative process to a large extent. Another thing that is going to happen is that material is being included in a single bill that should probably be divided into two or more bills and this is going to be a problem, I am sure, and the--it will come up from the hearings and perhaps some good legislation will go by the board which otherwise would be enacted into law if it were treated individually. Another thing that is going to happen on this floor of this legislature (inaudible) is that amendments are going to be (inaudible) to bills that is going to change them substantially and these amendments are going to become law and the public is not going to have an opportunity to express their opinion on these amendments, and so we are going to lack a public forum that we should have in a legislative body. I have several complaints here. I know that some senators do not intend to enter this many bills. I've been told that if they--that if I had too many bills, someone would pick them up. I know that right now I have a bill here. It's (inaudible) little bill. I've done a lot of work on it. It (inaudible) Uniform Probate Code for the state of Nebraska. I'd like to introduce that bill and I, frankly, cannot introduce it because I have some bills that relate to the environmental issues and to agriculture issues which I must introduce and so here is a bill which I am going to have to farm out. And it needs to go to someone who is definitely interested in it and who has a sincere interest in seeing to it that it does become law. I have some bills for the Department of Aeronautics and that department does not have a (inaudible) Committee which they might refer or which they might ask to refer their bills. So, I just want to reinforce some of the statements that were made earlier when Senator Warner attempted to increase the ten bill limit. I do not think that this body has the right to limit its work load. I think that we need to exercise discipline and I see some very wise Senators shaking their heads but I want to recommend and suggest that after sometime in the future we take a good long look at the ten bill limit and how it affects the working of this legislature. So if someone does not have their limit of bills and is interested in introducing good sound legislation which I have prepared for them, I would like to have them come and talk to me about it. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, just following in the same vein of thought that Senator Schmit brought up, so far as I understand it a Senator here is really only different from a citizen of Nebraska in two respects from a political standpoint that is. He has the power to introduce legislation into this body and he has the power and authority to vote on legislation. Now by curtailing our power or authority to introduce legislation, we've pretty effectively wiped out one of those most important powers granted us by the 30,000 people or so of our district. I did bring this up at a committee hearing. I wondered at that time and I still