

pick it up. As I explained to the individual who mentioned to me about crossing a line, things that mean a great deal to various members of this Legislature mean nothing to me. I don't need anybody's approval, I don't need anybody's friendship, I don't need anybody's permission. I was told that I am tolerated. Nobody needs to tolerate me. I am not here in the role of the weak beggar who needs to be tolerated. If people are offended by me, if they are angry at what I do, express it. Don't merely tolerate me. Toleration is a bigger insult than outright and direct confrontation. It is going to be interesting to see what steps the Legislature will undertake to counteract what I am doing. You've heard of the circus having three rings. Well, if what I am doing is the first ring, we are going to see if a majority of the legislators, at least 30, will establish a second ring because the only thing you can do is what I have done in the past on General File is to say you are going to move all these bills at one time with one vote, and then you can talk even more about the sanctity of the system. That move is not a move of dishonesty. That is a strategic move, not tactical. What I am doing is tactical, when you take a small step at a time, when you fight a little battle at the time. A strategic move covers the entire battlefield and takes into contemplation the entire complex of issues underlying the battle. So when that strategic move is undertaken, I will be flattered. It means that everybody is going to have to combine and collaborate to do something which will help establish a precedent, and for those who have been around here any length of time, if it is one thing I like us to do, it is to establish a precedent. If there is an act which is a mere aberration, it stands for nothing, a blip on the radar screen and it's gone. A precedent, on the other hand, becomes a rule by which the Legislature can expect to be guided in the future. So I have my motions up there. I haven't at this point been able to put a motion on every bill. So I am wondering if the strategists were smart enough to put their motion up before I put mine up. If they were, and in its time, it will come up. This that I am undertaking to do is not to be misunderstood or elevated or turned into something that it is not. This is a reaction to what happened yesterday. I feel a path through the low country was cut. I feel the path taking the lowest ground was cut. I am going to walk that path to the extent that I am able to. Unfortunately, the good will suffer with the bad. But I was given clearly to understand when we were debating the welfare bill that the innocent must be punished with the guilty. The children must be made to pay for what this Legislature deems to