

roughly the same pattern. The closer we get to the end the more panic-stricken become some of the members and some of the people in the lobby, and sometimes that's transferred in here and the whole body seems in chaos and in an uproar, but there's a certain orderliness and order to all of that. That is the nature of legislative work. And if we could just change the clothes that everybody is wearing and don't let their words be heard but run a scroll across the screen, or across the bottom of the screen and just show on television what happened last year, it would be perfect for what's happening this year. Everybody said this is the worst session we've ever had. Nothing has been done. When we finish there are going to be a lot of unfinished jobs, and that's what we say every single session, that's what people outside the Legislature say every single session, and those who are not a part of the Legislature don't understand the dynamics of this body. There are some who are in the Legislature who don't really grasp the nature of the dynamics. And because of the failure to grasp those dynamics people sometimes become more upset than they need to, they become more anxious than they need to, and they become angrier than the circumstances justify, and then there are others... Stradivarius, I don't know if he could play a violin or not, Stradivary, his violin was a Stradivarius. I don't know if he could play a violin, but he certainly knew how to make one. And some people play the system like a violin, they play people like a violin. But whenever you have a collection of people who spend a lot of time together in the way that we do, we're bound to get on each other's nerves. And some people are going to become so upset that they let a metal shield slide across their mind, and they say, I'm just not going to listen, I'm not going to pay attention, and they don't learn anything. There are others who open their mind, they hear everything, they see everything, they learn from everybody, and as a result they leave here richer than when they came because they have gained things that they didn't have before. When we gain a new thought, a new idea and master it, it becomes a part of us and we're changed forever. If we came in here half sleep and something startles us awake, even if we go to sleep again it will never be as deep, never be as peaceful because something has begun to stir, that's something which makes us human and separates us, Senator Ashford, from the lower creatures, if you know what I mean. We're separated from the kingdom of "thingdom". And when we recognize that we begin to insist on better things for ourselves because we know what it is we're worthy of. And when we can get this idea into our children, we