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waste, and as I recall we had to drag you a kicking and screaming the last session or two to get a bill on hazardous waste and some of you people who are so adamant about not having any bills are those who declare we are going to destroy the environment, we ought to clean the darn place up. It so happens that the federal government says if you do this you have got to have a manifest of all of the various chemicals from origin to disposition, final disposition. The present law doesn't care for that, it doesn't include that. If we don't include that, the federal government said, we will run your hazardous waste program. Now, Senator Warner, I could care less, I could care less if we introduce the bill. It is a piece of trash probably and it's a lot of weight (sic). But if you are going to strike the committee bills, then how do you determine shall we introduce a bill on hazardous waste or shall we introduce a bill establishing a school of veterinary medicine, or shall we introduce any of the multitude of bills that fall in between? I believe, we have done it for many years, and ten years ago we acted, or twelve years ago we acted on 1400 bills in the course of the time when you were Speaker, Senator Warner, and most of them weren't acted upon. It took 165 days that we acted upon them. Now we spend the bulk of our time the first two-thirds of any session arguing over rules. We argue over nonessentials. We argue over trash. Twenty years ago this Legislature acted first upon Appropriation bills and budget bill, and Revenue bills, and then we dealt with the trash until it came time to sow oats and we all went home and started farming. Now we do the reverse. We work on the trash and when the time comes to go home and start farming we bring out the Revenue bills and the Appropriation bills the last week or ten days and we run them all through the hopper and it comes out a great big mess oftentimes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And we spend most of the next session correcting the error. There is one more point I would like to bring up. You can reduce the number of bills to almost zero, two or three bills per individual, and anyone of us can do one of two things. You can include almost everything you want to introduce into one bill and that is sloppy legislation, and that is a good way to fool people, or else I can sit here and amend every bill that comes across the board and forty-eight other members can do the same thing and you can have chaos because the public will not have an opportunity to testify on it and the next thing we will hear will be Senator Beutler screaming that we can't introduce his amendment because