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I've got to go along with Senator Lamb, Beutler and Cullan on this. All I have heard before I ever decided to run for this job was there is too many bills introduced in the Legislature and the suggestion by a number of people across the state has been that maybe the Legislature ought not have any bills in one session and go clean up some of the messes they made in the past. Ι have a feeling that maybe there will be several senators amongst us that will probably need a wheelbarrow to carry them down to you people. If we are going to have that large number of bills I see a mess coming around the first of June. I had seen it last year when you got ready to adjourn. If we are going to change something, if we are going to have all these sessions with the bills maybe we are going to have to change ninety day session and have a whole year because we are not going to be able to really justify it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, paraphrasing Thomas Payne these are the times that try the souls of individuals who serve the public. There are those in here that are questioning the integrity of the members and they don't really know these people. They sat outside and watched. I did that once too, Senator. I was a lobbyist once and I used to sit outside and watch but that was before I got inside and had to assume the responsibility of an elected official. I submit to you that there are several checks and balances. The wheelbarrow would not happen, Senator, because I think the integrity of the individuals in this body will win. They are not going to dump the wheelbarrow full of bills. Even under restrictions I have been hassled for votes if you want to call it trading but all legislation is the art of compromise if it has any complex issue. My good friend Senator Cullan who is pursuing a law degree, I am somewhat surprised because those people who choose to enter the profession of law are those that we trust to uphold the Constitution in its totality. I am surprised that there ere those of you now and I am also surprised at Senator Remmers, an individual who has assumed leadership throughout his career and I am sure that he never felt comfortable when there were those who wanted to take away his right to express himself. What we are talking about today is the art of expression and Senator Chambers has stated it so well. I submit to you that the committee chairmen, if they find that there are those who are abusing the rule which we have amended this morning will provide a very polite and courteous hearing because that is our rule and that is our obligation but you can also be assured those