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Senator Beutler, who is much more skilled than most of us in this area has learned the rules very well and has learned to use them very well and he has made no effort. and of course it is impossible. to ask to limit the amendments that can be offered to a bill and if Senator Beutler doesn't have amendments for bills that haven't even been drawn vet I will be surprised because I know that he can concoct them faster than I can draw the bills. Twill guarantee you another thing, that the newest member of this body can take the number of bills that we have on the board today, if we shut it off, and by the amendment process can accomplish anything he or she wishes to do during the course of the entire legislative session. The number of bills that are introduced is a cosmetic thing. It is something which some people at home, many of whom do not understand the process, use as a source of agitation and irritation and condemnation of the Legislature and frequently we fall into that trap. I was visiting with Senator Kremer this morning about introduction of committee bills and some other bills. I have a theory and he shares it with me or I share his theory with him. that there are times as a committee chairman that I will sign my name to a bill with which I do not agree because the industry that that bill deals with feels that that needs to be addressed and I don't feel that as a person of the committee or as a chairman that I have the right to block public discussion of an issue that someone who may be more knowledgeable than myself about the issue thinks needs to be discussed. Now as I said the other day we can shut the bills off today and I can guarantee you that every single bill that I have on my desk both here and in the office will find its way by hook or crook onto that board and into legislation if it is deserving of it and maybe some of them will get there that are not deserving because they did not have a public hearing and because the public was not apprised that Schmit had a bill on hazardous waste or on banking or something or other and the bill went across the board some afternoon when we were in an agreeable mood and as a result all of a sudden the public is going to wake up and find out that they are being abused and did not have the opportunity to testify at a public hearing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The question of the number of bills that are introduced into a committee has no bearing upon the bills that hit the board. If you get a hundred bills in a committee and ninety-nine of them are not worthwhile, kill them in committee. That is where they need to be killed and they are not going to clutter up the process. I know one thing, every committee chairman here vies for additional bills. The Ag Committee's

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