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I'll admit I voted for, and worked for. But it seems to me that we are coming down to the last days and we have been chastised many times by people both within and outside this body for extended debate upon every stage of debate, General File, Select File, Final Reading. Under those circumstances and as short as time as we are, it seems to me that once a bill has finally passed on Final Reading, whether I am for it or against it, then the fight. . . I have to give the fight up. We fought the good fight, if we were against the bill, and we lost, it passed. It seems to me that this is a good way to waste the remainder of the time in this session is to file motions for the reconsider our action on a bill that has already passed or a bill that didn't get enough votes to pass on Final Reading and try to do it all over again. Now I believe that every bill should have its day, and it seems to me that if we drag this out in this fashion that some bills probably won't have its day or we are going to have to go very very late and tempers get short and people are not watching the issues closely and bad legislation does get passed. I want to make it perfectly clear that what I am talking about is to remove all of the things from the rules that allow for a reconsideration of a bill that has been on Final Reading that either advanced or didn't advance that includes from this point in time on. Now I could have filed a motion to change the Speaker's order of agenda and just simply skilled this order now. But if I had of done that it would have required 30 votes obviously, and I would have probably had to do it every day for the rest of this session. So I'm going to try one time and I haven't worked the floor on this issue, I haven't talked to a lot of people, I don't want to take up a lot of time, but I think it is time, we the body, decide what type of a policy we want to use from here on out. Do we want to hold bills back not only on General File, Select File but also be able to do the same thing after they have gone through the Final Reading stage. I think that having the General File, Select File and the methods that we have used and can use there, and we have discussed this after lunch yesterday, about the idea of putting a kill motion up to hold bills, that is all very fine and good as far as I am concerned as long as it is not up past Final Reading. Now, here we are with several bills and there are about four of them on the agenda now that have had its day in court so to speak on Final Reading and have either passed or failed to advance that are being reconsidered. I think it is a waste of time. I think those bills had their day in court and Senator Beutler on the one bill of yours, I fought long and hard,