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for bringing a bill to the floor was followed. In the meantime the bill was discussed many, many times and the bill has been on General File so that it was not a matter of surprise to any member of this body that the bill was goirg to be debated early in this session. I have made attempts to talk to most members of this body who have had any questions about the bill. I guess it is kind of interesting to me. I think the bill represents my thinking, it represents Senator Kremer's thinking, it represents the thinking of many members of this body, it represents the thinking of many people from across the State of Nebraska. Now you are not going to be able to parade a million and a half people through here and work this bill over again. You are not going to be able to ... if fortynine of us marched abreast down this center aisle, we are not going to be able to redo the bill. The committee had its opportunity to come forward with committee amendments. There was an apparent unwillingness on the part of committee members or an inability to come out with committee amendments in the normal procedure to attempt to do, to acquiesce to what you are doing or requesting, is to throw the whole thing back into a cocked hat, Senator. You tried that, you lost. I don't blame you for trying it. The facts are that that measure did not work. Those procedures were not successful. The bill is now on the floor. You had every right to propose to do what you are doing but let me call attention, if you were listening when I explained the bill. The bill is a concept, the bill is a plan, the bill is a total plan. It is an attempt to develop a management plan. There is no more reason to take this bill apart section by section and sizes it as if you were performing an autopsy than to do that with a hundred other bills or five hundred other bills that come before this body. When you do the responsible thing you will recognize that you must address the bill as it is offered to you. I have no problem whatsoever in taking the bill section by section. I have attempted to do that in the original explanation, in explaining it to anyone. I would most vehemently oppose passing over the bill. It will make no difference. No one will come forward. There will be no more agreement on this bill two weeks from today or two months from today than there is today. You and I have some differences of opinion. You are entitled to yours. I am entitled to mine. If on this floor you prevail, that is the system. If Senator Kremer and I prevail, that is the system but to attempt to hammer out a bill in your office or mine or Senator Kremer's office or anyone else's office that will meet the approval of, absolute total approval of forty-nine members will require far more wisdom than is available even in this august body and so I would certainly, number one, oppose the division of the bill, number two, oppose passing

