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But we do have a limited number of days, and unless a motion is going to be made after this one to say that every bill on Select File will then be advanced to Final Reading without any debate, amendment or whatever, then nothing is really being achieved other than to put off, to another day when we have less time in the session, what ought to be fought out and battled here today. Now if enough time is taken and bills don't leave Select File, they're not going to be read on Final Reading anyway. If the process has reached the point, where there is so much interest in getting LB 854 enacted, that every other bill pending is going to be enacted also, maybe that is a good quid pro quo, maybe that is a good trade-off for those who want 854. But this motion is different from the ones made in the past that dealt with bills that were deemed noncontroversial and were put on special order of the agenda because they were noncontroversial. All of these bills are bills of substance. Some of them are highly controversial. Now, obviously, when I made my motion to move them all, I wasn't worried about what editorial writers or anybody else said. There were members who began to draw back, because they were running for re-election, and they didn't want it to be brought up on their record that with one vote they decided to move all of these very controversial bills without any debate,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...without any amendments. So, if that's the way they want to do it, and 30 of them vote to do it, so let it be written, so let it be done. And we'll just fight the battles another day. But I am opposed to the motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President. I think we should clear up one misconception that I heard in the last speaker. As I understand it we're not voting to move all nine bills in one swoop. The process, as I understand it, you are moving all nine bills at once. You're not voting on them separately? Okay. Okay, on Select File. Okay, so the idea is then you vote on all nine bills, advance them to Select File, and then the sorting out process begins on Select File. This is a different type of proposal, it's something, of course, that is mandated, I think, considering the amount of days we have left. We have wasted a lot of time in this particular instance because of debate and delay on a number of bills, and there are some very important