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idea, I'd be happy to hear it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, Senator Schimek, we have done this before, we have done it many times, we will do it again and again and again. It is not perhaps a wise method to operate, but it is a method under which we do operate. I don't see Senator Warner showing any great signs of shock back there, he's seen it happen. And, if you look around the room, you will notice that those who have been here longer recognize it inevitably is going to happen as you get down to the wire. And there are attempts made to try to save time. Unfortunately, most of the time that we try to do those things we do not save time. And, as I said earlier, someone came to me after my first remarks and said, Schmit, you must think you're smarter than everybody else. I said, no, I'm not smarter, but I've been here a long time and I have a good memory, and that is almost as good as being intelligent, because, if you remember what happened to you in the past, you try not to repeat the same error. Senator Chambers has taught me a few things himself. And once in awhile I have to use a little bit of chicanery, but I get ahead of him. Goes back to 1976, when we had a little bill here toward the end of the session and Senator Chambers was going to box me up on General File. And I stripped a bill on Final Reading and we got the bill passed, and Senator Chambers remembers that. But the point I want to make is this, I'm not wildly enthusiastic about a lot of these bills. I really don't care if most of them don't pass. There are one or two I'd like to see passed. I have some highly meritorious bills that ought to have passed that never even moved out of committee, notably the Revenue Committee, where the death squad functions with a certain amount of expediency. But, in any case, the point is this, if you're going to vote on any of these bills on Final Reading, you're going to have to use some of these tactics. The tactic that was employed in motion number six, as pointed out by Senator Lamb, very unusual, not one which I wildly support I can tell you, with certain exceptions, of course. And so we're all in the same boat. My priority bills are not on this list, not going to be. I think they're deserving of being on the list, nonetheless they're not there. You know what, the world is not going to stop spinning if they don't get passed, nor will that happen with most of these bills. I do think, however, it's unfortunate that we have the tendency to think that at this point in time if my bill doesn't pass or your bill doesn't pass