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paying attention to what each other, to what tone of voice each other is using. I don't think we're listening at all. And, if that is the way it goes, fine. I won't go home tomorrow. I won't leave tomorrow or today, I'll wait until the last day. But I do think that we, as a group of thinking adults, should be paying attention to each other, try to learn from each other, and try to tolerate each other and give each other the benefit of the doubt on our points of view. A good Dominican sister, whom I loved, used to say to me, give the other person credit for knowing at least as much as you do. I think that's still good advice. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, please, followed by Senator Labeledz and Senator Ashford. Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to add one thing that I failed to mention before. I did check with the Assistant Clerk, and this has been...we're not setting a precedent, it's been done twice before, and...but I have never seen a motion on Final Reading, in the 14 years that I've been here, to read a group of bills, and a large group of bills, without any further debate or amendment. And it has been done on General File that we move them in groups. And I believe at one time we moved about 30 bills off of consent calendar onto Select File. And that was in the last few days of the session. So we're not starting something new, it's been done before. And we still have Select File to go through. And I'm sure that when we get to Final Reading, even if this does go, when we get to Final Reading, which I'm hoping will be this morning, we will have the same problem then. I wonder how many people that are opposing this are going to do that on Final Reading. So I would ask you to at least vote this time to give it to...to advance it to Select File and stop any further debate. I am sure that Senator Chambers, and we all know he's very qualified and very capable of taking the first bill that we have now, which is Senator Pirsch's priority bill on the drug laws, that that will be debated until approximately noon. So nothing would be done anyway. So this way you can at least get it to Select File when we will have done with the Final Reading and see if possible, some of the bills that are very important out of those nine bills, we'll be able to discuss them on Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. I