

been given an opportunity to debate those, even if it was only for 15 minutes, but at least we'd have an opportunity to say what we wanted to say, but these bills were advanced in one wide swoop and went over to Select File, and many of us were criticized for that. We were criticized from our constituents at home. They says is this the way the Legislature operates, and I don't think it is. But every year we experience crunch time. I have been down here 14 years now and every year it comes up such as this, comes up like this. But I think we need to start during the early days of the session. We need to limit the amount of bills that are introduced, and I would be hopeful that the Rules Committee would consider this again. Also, I think we need to limit the amount of amendments that we can add, also limit the time of debate. Senator Scott Moore offered a cloture rule and I supported that and, hopefully, you will do that again. And I think this cloture rule ought to take affect after so many hours of debate or so many amendments, and it should be with a super majority, say 30 votes, or I would even be willing to go for 33 votes, if it is necessary. But we do need to vote on some of these issues, and, Senator Chambers, I am going to chastise you a little bit for not letting us come up to a vote. Like the gun control bill, you did have two votes, and, Senator Brad Ashford, you did have two votes on it, where on the abortion bills, we haven't been able to vote on those once, and I think that is wrong for this body not to allow that. We need to extend these courtesies to one another. We need to vote on the issues and not on personalities.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: And like I said, I support the right to life bills and I realize that it doesn't look like we are going to get a chance to even vote on those bills. Also, I feel we need to debate the radioactive waste site bills, the liability on this, but it doesn't look like we are going to get to it, and I would like to vote on Senator Lamb's alternative. Like I said yesterday, I am supporting LB 1059 but maybe it won't pass or maybe the Governor will veto it, so we should have an alternative but it looks like those are going to go by the wayside. But in the end, I believe it would be better if we support the Speaker and vote against this motion to overrule the agenda. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, please.