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be made. General File is for the specific purpose of debate. General File is a debate phase. So to say that that motion on Final Reading, after there has been no telling how much debate on these bills before they got there, to say that motion is the same as this one boggles my mind if people who say it really mean it, but they don't really mean it because everybody in here knows better. All the stops are being pulled, everything goes, everybody can be sacrificed including the Speaker, and that is really not fair. They can take out after me when it comes to the issue of the rules because I have played the rules, and I always do it and I acknowledge that I do it, and I say that I am going to continue to do it. I am not going to whimper, I am not going to back off, I am not going to be intimidated because people run around here saying I am going to put a lot of motions on another bill. That works on others but it is not going to work on me. However, there are others who, because of their position vis-a-vis this body, cannot speak as directly and strongly as I can because they must maintain that objectivity, that detachment, that quasi judicial air in order to try as much as is humanly possible to be fair, to be a good traffic manager, when he is getting I believe probably a horrendous number of calls, curses, and other things because he won't keep putting the abortion issue on the agenda. It is not for him to continue to put something on the agenda, and the abortion issue has tinged and embittered every thing about this session. When Senator Lamb stood up and said he has not seen anything like this in his 14 years, it is because of the abortion issue, and much of what is before us on this abortion issue is coming from outside this state. There is a national office of some group called the Right to Life and they craft all this kind of stuff trying to set up what they call court challenges. They tried to it to the Governor of Idaho by whipping those legislators do into line and getting them to pass one of the silliest antiabortion bills next to Guam's that was ever passed. That Governor said that he is not going to let his state be the place where those kind of things are done, especially when the bill, itself, is going to cause so much hardship for the women of Idaho. Even a woman who had been victimized by rape or incest that had become impregnated would be prohibited under that crazy from having an abortion. The same article mentioned that bill about 15 other states reject this very craziness that came from that national Right-to-Life Office. I don't blame those people in that office. They feel that legislators are silly people, simple-minded, put anything in front of them and they will do They pick out individual senators, not just them, it. but