

way I tried to amend it, in the first instance, but it was rejected by those whose bill it is.

SENATOR HALL: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is next.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Hall and members of the Legislature. Pat, you're going to have to, you know, lighten up just a little bit. Whenever a senator takes their...and here I am saying when I'm going to all tired up (sic). But I don't think I've ever said anything personal against you. You're doing a good job. You're pushing the bill that you think is a good bill to do. And I have all the respect in the world for you. And we always have to be careful when we get tied into it that we don't turn that frustration into anger and slide it personally against other senators. And I know you didn't really mean to do so, and we all need to be careful of that. Be that as it may, though I have no quarrel with Senator Engel, my quarrel is that at some point we have to make these tough decisions. And Senator Warner tried to lay it before the body, and maybe it's because we have such a big turnover of the system, that we have so many new people over the last couple of years, that they simply haven't had a chance to experience that so they still have an idea of what may happen. But I go back to last year's biennial budget, two years ago, and apparently the body has totally forgotten what happened. The body spent too much money. What we did along the way on Select File on all of the tough decisions, here was the strategy that everybody used, let's move it to Final Reading. This was the classic Bromm argument on the bracket motion by Beutler. Let's move it to Final Reading and then we'll make those tough decisions. It doesn't happen that way. It should happen that way, but it doesn't because each individual section will be talked about on its own. And each little...each major bill that we have will have its interest group, whether it be the teachers, or whether it be the Farm Bureau, whether it be the Governor, whether it be the developmental disabilities, whether it be Foster Care Review Board, and each one has the entire session worked to get 25 people or more to commit to that. And then they'll say, this is so important, we've got to have this, and we're going to have to make some tough decisions elsewhere, but this one we "gotta" have. And on every major issue we did that, we pushed them and we passed them on Final Reading to wit the Governor then had to cut back. And Senator Warner was absolutely correct, when the vetoes came back we could not override because there was no