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I'm not often changed in my view by anything that a county attorney or a group of county attorneys would tell me or ask of me, but this is one time I appreciate the fact that I was contacted. They became aware, and this is not every county attorney in the state, I can only speak about some, heard that I was going to not do anything on the bill, felt that if I did not the bill would just slide through, that it was not going to be analyzed, but the main thing--they don't think the bill should be enacted. I don't either. It gives me a way to come back and attack this bill. I had said I was going to do nothing. Well, now I'm becoming pro-law enforcement. I have been contacted by prosecutors to help prevent something from occurring which is detrimental to the state. So what I'm...I've done is to lay out a strategy, because I will not back off all the way on what I said about not trying to amend this bill. I am going to see if the bracket motion will succeed. If it does not, then I'm going to talk about this bill and related issues for the rest of the session, and here's why I will do that. I don't believe they have 33 votes to get cloture. We had 22 votes to bracket it till next year. Now, 22 from 49 is 27, so let's say that they got all of those votes who were against the bracket motion, plus those who did not vote. They would not have 33 votes. But let us say that I'm able, along with others who have concerns about this bill, to discuss it until we get to eight hours and they attempt a cloture motion and they fail. Then the bill is off the agenda. But let us say that they decide not to seek a cloture vote. Then we just talk about the bill until others become concerned enough about what is happening with the rest of the session to then adopt a bracket motion. So we can either do it today on this motion, or we can battle for a good long time and then come back with a bracket motion, since I doubt that they're foolish enough to try for a cloture motion. But if they do and they succeed, then I am pledging to see that this bill takes eight hours on Select File and on Final Reading. It will not be difficult for me to carry that through on my own. I will not offer amendments designed to improve this bill, but I will offer amendments that will give me plenty of occasions to discuss it and discuss it and discuss it. I see involved in this elements of racism, sexism, chauvinism, "antichildren". I see dereliction of duty by those in Washington, who were elected to represent the people of this state. Right now we have two warriors, that's what they're called when they've been in