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who came to my door saying I should support LB 1234, I said, if you're really interested in ecology, let's talk about the commercial fertilizers. And they didn't want to talk about that. So that whole thing is a sham. This that we're talking about is political, and I'm not going to go into a great amount of detail on it at this point. But I wanted to tie it into with what Senator Beutler was saying. And when the Governor has minions on this floor who come in with those kind of things, I'm going to deal with them. When there are relatives of relatives who work for the Governor, who come up with certain things, I'm going to call attention to that, because I'm fed up with the way people will attack Senator Robak time after time after time, because they think she's an easy target. Well, we're going to spread it around. If she has a daughter who works for the university and that entitles people to attack her, there are people in this body who have relatives, at least one who works for the Governor. And why don't the same editorialists talk about that and look at votes that follow the Governor's line? But they don't do it. There has to be some evenhandedness. And I said we're going to start talking about practical politics. These reporters and editors don't even know what they're observing and witnessing this session of the Legislature. Somebody has to tell them. But there are serious matters that are going to come before us. We've got 15 or 16 days. This...the Legislature is approaching meltdown. We've got a chairman of a committee going to make a motion to pull a bill from his own committee, and it's not even his bill. What kind of craziness is that? And then a senator who misleads colleagues into signing onto a bill by saying it's not going to come up, then he gives permission to have it prioritized, then gives permission to have it pulled out on the floor, what kind of nonsense is that? And I, as a member of the Legislature, am supposed to just overlook all of this, when it's going to complicate my life? They're going to bring some craziness out here that I've got to spend eight hours on General File, Select File and Final Reading on, and then tie other bills into that? You see what they're doing to me here? Don't you all feel sorry for me? Shed a tear, somebody shed a tear! I am the most abused, set upon, mistreated person who has ever set foot in this Legislature, and I don't get one, single word of sympathy expressed, ever, so I'm making an appeal this morning by pointing out to you the other stuff that's being heaped on me