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People can go to their offices and ignore what we're doing here because you've got another shot on Select. If these bills are on Select and the committee amendments have been adopted pursuant to this motion that Senator Landis has been working on, what the budget committee has offered would all be over on Select File intact. Then we could battle it there instead of doing it here and in there also. That debate would have to be focused because if you don't do what you want done there, you don't get another shot at it. I'm the only one who uses Final Reading like other people use General File. If I say I'm going to have three stages of debate, I will. Other people say it, then whatever it was that had made them emotionally wrought up will ease away, their emotions subside, and they back off what they said they're going to do. My voice might be raised when I say certain things. I might appear to be agitated. I might appear to be exercised, but I always know what it is that I'm saying. And when I say I'm going to do something, I mean it when I say it, and I will do it. How does it hurt me to divide the question? Not at all. I don't even have to debate any one of the divisions if I don't want to. I can go down into my office and leave you all up here to deal with the question that I divided. And even if you don't debate every division, you've got to vote on every one of them to see if it's going to be adopted. Now how does it hurt me if I divide the question? So I would suggest that you do as Senator Bourne recommended. Put me in my place this morning. Because we have 18 days as he said, we can spend them on the budget bill and we can spend on the budget bill on General File because we can come back for a special session. I don't care about that either. I don't care what the Legislature does. I am hired to be here, to do what the Legislature is doing, or at least be involved in it, and that's what I'm prepared to do. So if you reject my proposal, it's no sweat off my nose. And I would remind Senator Bourne, as he well knows as a member of the Appropriations Committee, this money doesn't go to sustain the State Fair, this money goes for prizes and little gifts, if you want to call it that, to those who are competing. This money is not going to ensure that the State Fair operates. This amendment does not go to that money that DAS had to spend for upkeep and renovation of buildings or whatever they had to do with those buildings. It doesn't do anything about taking away insurance premiums if any