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hour. I will ensure that every one of those bills is discussed for a half hour, and then it's off the agenda. I'm not going to argue a long time on this motion. I will save my energy for what it must be used for if my motion is rejected by 33 votes. Suppose it is not adopted. Suppose the bill is not bracketed. Then I'll just begin my opposition, and I will pace myself. You ought to think deeply and seriously about what the Legislature has already done. Sending this bill out here is as bad as that committee sending both LB 748, or if that was one, and LB 48 out here--totally irresponsible. The committee is not serving the Legislature well. That's my view. When the Judiciary Committee, of which I'm a member, has done things that cause me to feel this way, I said the same thing about them. I don't owe it to any committee, any senator, or any group of senators to bite my tongue on something as atrocious as is this. I have mixed emotions now that I think about it. Maybe you ought to do on and pass it and let the public see what a complete sellout this Legislature is. Bells and whistles and lights. Somebody brings that to the Legislature and the senators are dazzled. Senator Landis is going to talk about a flop and say, but nevertheless they said, well, it flopped kind of high. It didn't flop so badly. So run to Nebraska, as dumb as those rubes are, they give away everything. They'll give away anything. Say that it's big business and you've got them. Give me the rest of the session, or as much of it as I can take. I assure you, brothers and sisters, I'm not tired and I'm not bluffing. And I will begin drafting my amendments on this bill. And if nobody else utters a word, I will be able to take the eight hours, but we won't take them all today because there is a civic responsibility that some of us regard with solemnity and that is the privilege, and I feel the responsibility, to vote. Since I started voting, you had to be 21 years old in those years, I have not missed voting during an election. The Omaha city elections are today. And because we will leave at 6:00 so that those of us who choose to exercise the franchise will have the opportunity, we will only be able to get in about six hours. And if anybody thinks I cannot talk for six hours, they are underestimating me or they are engaging in wishful thinking. I haven't really been put to the test. Senator Landis' strategy yesterday prevented me from having to talk at all, by ordinary standards, so I didn't have to expend any energy yesterday. But