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Wehrbein. And on today's agenda: we're on Senator Beutler's bill now; Senator Byars, LB 1069; Senator Byars, LB 1069A; Senator Price, Beutler, Byars, Combs, et al., LB 962, there you might see a...you might see something that will surprise you; LB 962A, the same bill but introduced by Senator Price; LB 786 in what is called the Wehrbein division, well, Senator Chambers may become the werewolf in dealing with the Wehrbein division, and in that division, first up, Mines, Mines. You might see some little waffling there, too. LB 990, Wehrbein, Baker, Connealy, Erdman, et al., and that deals with a rural situation so I can probably catch a number in the net spread for that bill. Then we have some resolutions which will just slide through because the Speaker and I had reached an accord on those. But for today, I will deal only with LB 1175. I have to take things a step at the time, and even a 1,000-mile journey begins with the first step, and this is the first step, but there is no way I will equate 19 days with a 1,000-mile journey, at least not as far as I'm concerned. That's duck soup. I could probably inhale and wait those 19 days to exhale, and I still would be in better shape than the people are going to be on the floor of this Legislature. And after 20 days, or whatever the number of days remains, you all will never be here again. Some of you all will never be here again, and I think it would be good for you to go out in the way that the session and other sessions have gone--frustrated, angry, bitter, and totally incapable of doing anything about what it is that put you in that frame of mind. But this prepares you for life after the Legislature. Everything will be easy after this. And all things come to an end, all things, even my tenure in the Legislature. But for a bunch of you, yours will come to an end before mine. What I'm trying to do is make you all happy that you're getting out of here, and I'm going to do it. Thank you. Somebody said I'm doing a good job. If I knew who said that, that person's bills would have a free ride for the rest of the session, but since...wow, that's even better. (Laugh) But anyway, what I'm looking at now is the motion that Senator Friend was able to get adopted, and I voted to add the emergency clause, because my concern is not with the bill itself. Maybe what the bill is attempting to do is very worthwhile, but Senator Friend did not convince me that it's necessary, so now that I've given him a vote, I'm going to ask him a question or