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SPEAKER: Would the Legislature be at ease for a few moments. I have a few comments I would like to express as to our time schedule, our various procedures, of what I have planned as your Speaker to attempt to do on these last few days of this session. You are aware because most all of you have returned your first priority bill. On Monday I will make up the calendar to indicate those bills and in which sequence they will prevail. I will do this in the most fair way possible. Senator Syas does have a motion on the Clerk's desk. I would like to visit with you just a moment. In your top priority of 49 bills many of those will fall in the category that Senator Syas' motion is about. We will attempt to bundle these up and get them early of the 49. We'll put those together, we'll put them in one package. Otherwise, unless there is some important reason, a deadline of some type, the bills will be drawn as more or less a lottery. We'll treat each and every one equally. If you have the first bill, or you have the last bill, that's the way it will be determined by a drawing. I do not know of any fairer way of accomplishing this.

Now then I have visited with many members of this body informing them if we stay in session every day from now to Friday, May the 23rd, we can complete our work. That will be the 89th day. If it were the 90th day I would not object, even though I talked about 87 or 88 days. I see where we have bogged down. If we were to adjourn siney die before the 89th or the 90th day we would create an undue burden for a 60 day session. There are about 120 bills on General File at the moment. There will be a few more added because a few have been introduced the last few days. Taking 50 of the 49 bills from that number we'll be down to about 70. Hopefully, we can process bills beyond General File, beyond the 49 bills. In the intermitting days that we have left I would be hopeful that this body would agree with me that we should work two extra days . . . two extra hours on about 6, 7 and not to exceed 8 days, hopefully 7 days. This will give us the additional time of approximately 2 days. If this is in agreement with this body this is the procedure we will persue. This way all of our bills can be heard, we can move along. I do ask one more request, that we do restrain ourselves. One of the problems we saw here this morning, it is in our rules not to have debate on General File. If a bill is brought back our rules provide the reason is stated, then it's brought back and then discussed, rather than on General File. It destroys the calendar. It destroys the Final Reading attempts by this body. So please I ask of you that we proceed in this manner. This has been a very very fine run operation this afternoon. I waited especially for an hour or so, whatever time it may be, that we were in session. You are, and have conducted yourself in a very admirable manner this afternoon. I hope we can continue to do so.

Syas your next up.