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and rules. I drifted through life on a ship of fools. I ended thus, just dust and bones. Skinned by rats and eaten by drones." So that very sober story kind of set me off on the rules of the Legislature. At that point in time, by the way, I was over in Thailand serving God, country and Yale in the U. S. Army and that is where my interest began in the rules of the Legislature. More seriously, last summer or last session, the last two years during the session, I kept a sheet of paper in my desk and everytime we ran into a problem on the legislative floor I wrote it down or anytime somebody came up to me and said they thought this was a problem I wrote it down, and at the end of last session, the beginning of summer, we picked out twelve items that were the most discussed items from those two years and I tried to formulate them in the form of rule changes and I sent them out to all the senators. The new senators did not have the benefit of receiving this but you all may recall getting in the mail last summer a list of proposed changes and asking for your comments on them. From that list, I took the three or four which had the most positive response and that is what you are going to see today in the form of a priority bill rule, in the form of a cloture rule, in the form of a rule having to do with the suspension of rules, those three items are the main things. Looking specifically at the priority bill system rule, basically it is a three part system. It says simply this, every individual senator has the right to designate one of his bills or somebody else's bill with their permission as a priority bill. Secondly, committee chairmen at their own discretion can designate an additional two bills as priority bills. Thirdly, the Speaker in consultation with the Legislature can declare any additional number of bills as priority bills. When a bill is declared a priority bill, it simply means that the Speaker has the obligation to be sure that by the end of the session every bill declared a priority bill has the opportunity to be heard fully and fairly at all three stages of debate or however far along it gets. It also means should you choose to designate a priority bill early that the committee chairman has the obligation to schedule that bill for public hearing before other unscheduled priority bills. So really it is a two part concept. One, it is an attempt to see that everybody has a share in the decision as to what is a priority bill. Under the present system, the Speaker has the power of scheduling over the agenda and so the Speaker working with the chairmen and working with individual senators kind of works his way, feels his way through of what the priority bill system should be. From time to time there are hurt feelings about the scheduling of different bills, in the rating of one bill over another bill. Under this system,