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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, a question of Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, will you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Beutler, the proposal that you are submitting doesn't bother me too much except for one thing. That is, #6, All committees shall schedule priority bills for public hearing ahead of all unscheduled, nonpriority bills, et cetera. Now when bills come into committee and you are trying to get the schedule going, there may be some that get there somewhat late and it is difficult for me to sit back and wait to see, even though I may know there may be a priority bill coming before us. Are you going to hold strictly accountable to that or allow us some latitude in terms of conditions?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't want to be inflexible with regard to that provision, if you would like to see it changed. The idea though, the word "unscheduled" was changed in accordance with maybe your response to the questionnaire sent out and the idea was, Senator Koch, that if you had scheduled something already, then you don't have to rejuggle your schedule to take into account the priority bill, but if you are sitting there with a group of bills you haven't scheduled yet and a priority bill pops down on you, then you have to fit it in first.

SENATOR KOCH: But we still have some latitude in case we are not able to foresee yet the priority bill that you may or I may know is there but we have to go ahead and schedule it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Oh, yes, if it has not been assigned to you yet, you just go ahead and proceed as if you don't know it is there.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, then Senator Kremer, and then Senator Chambers. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I was going to call the question, but with all these people wanting to speak, I would be the last one to try to put a priority ahead of them or whatever.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.