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confers with a great many people and does a good job in that respect, but still, talking about the rules, that power is total as far as the rules are concerned. So this represents in some ways a limitation of the power of the Speakers as well as an expansion in the sense that it is true that if the Speaker wants to declare a priority bill early the chairman would be forced to hear that priority bill just like an average senator's priority bill ahead of the others. With regard to Senator Marsh's concern, the cutoff dates are the forty-fifth day in the long session and the thirtieth day now in the short session. Those dates were originally earlier in the session but we set them back in accordance with some comments that were made which really took into account Shirley's concern which is, as I understand it, that perhaps the committee hearings on bills will not be over by the time the deadline cutoff occurs. But, in my experience in two years and from talking to other people, by the thirtieth day of the short session and the forty-fifth day of the long session the committee hearing process is over. I think last year it was over late in February or early in March. With regard to Senator Chambers' comments, it is correct that the deadline could be declared earlier and I wouldn't be against an amendment which limited how early it could be declared. On the other hand, I have no trouble at this time worrying about the Speaker exercising the power. I think it will be exercised in the spirit in which the amendment is being made. So I think I will end with that and ask for your support.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any further discussion? Okay, the motion is the adoption of the Beutler amendment found on page, starting on page 27 of the Journal for January 7th, 1981. All those in favor of the adoption of the amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted?

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays on the adoption of Senator Beutler's proposed rule change.

SPEAKER MARVEL: (Inaudible) and the amendment is adopted. What is the next order of business?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler now moves to amend. Mr. President, Senator Beutler has a copy of his proposal coming out and they will be passed out to the membership right now. Mr. President, Senator Beutler moves to amend Rule 7 by inserting a new Section 5 which would read as follows: (Read amendment as found on page 138 of the Journal.) That is offered by Senator Beutler.