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PRESIDENT: Speaker Marvel.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well I will tell you what we did this morning. There were several alternatives. One alternative is to suspend the rules and change the dates. That did not seem acceptable as far as the chairmen are concerned and I think that the committee chairmen are aware of what the problem is as far as the selection of bills. As far as I am concerned our office is willing to cooperate 100% with the chairmen but you need...I would make this suggestion and we sent letters around and you can see we got about four answers. I would suggest that you as chairmen get with your members and come up with some suggestions and send it to us before or by the 13th. What I am saying is, Senator Kahle, you have those bills then listed on a sheet which designates priority bills. Then unless there is some better way to do this, then what we will do in using the agenda is to set the bills for actual discussion. But we really can't do that until you tell us what you think the priorities are for the bills that were a part of your committee.

SENATOR KAHLE: I think you are doing it exactly the way we had planned it but I guess, in my own estimation, I thought we would be through with hearings before the 45 days were up and I think that we are in a bad situation because we are saying now, well we are going to prioritize the bills and we even have some that haven't been heard yet and this doesn't really sound like very good procedure to me.

PRESIDENT: Before we call on the next person to question, we have some guests of Senator Koch. They are in the North balcony, 11 seniors from Ralston High School. Welcome to your Legislature, Ralston. The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, may I ask a question of Senator Marvel, please?

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel, will you respond?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Marvel, do I understand this that if a committee is sitting on a senator's bill and it does not come out before this deadline that it cannot be a priority bill?

SPEAKER MARVEL: If you get, according to the rules that are set up and I indicated on page 137, if the bill is not designated until after that date, then you are right. It loses its priority status according to my understanding of the rule.