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LB 40

SENATOR VICKERS: Wouldn't it be fair to assume that LB 40 had its 30 minutes?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well, that's one way to look at it, yes.

SENATOR VICKERS: If we are going to be fair, and that is what you are attempting to do, I assume, then in the interest of fairness, how can you say that those bills that are on the second hearing this afternoon only get 30 minutes, yet LB 40 has already had its 30 minutes and then some?

SPEAKER MARVEL: When we discussed with the chairmen of the various committees this whole area, and you, I think, will agree that when we are talking about priorities, we are talking about something new as far as the Legislature is concerned. I have worked in this area as thoroughly as I can...as I could, and I indicated to the chairmen that I welcome any recommendations, indicated to you the same, brought my secretary in, we sat underneath the balcony and went into quite substantial detail in a sincere attempt to explain to you how we, at least, were trying to work the system, which is my responsibility, and the chairmen indicated at the meeting that I was the one to make the decision, not a collective group. So I am following their advice or their recommendations.

SENATOR VICKERS: I appreciate that, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: And it is very difficult to try to set up priorities so that everybody involved gets the same consideration, I guess I would say, which I guess is your point.

SENATOR VICKERS: I appreciate that, Mr. Speaker, and you indicated to me in our visit that we had yesterday that your concern was that if you brought these bills back up early that there would be less debate for the second hearing because the body would still remember the debate from the first time. Now as you remember, you and I had a discussion about that and you did indicate that there probably should be a time limit. And I am suggesting to you that in the interest of fairness if the bills are going to be limited to 30 minutes, then I think the record should be checked and I think you will find that LB 40 has had its 30 minutes, and in the interest of fairness again, with the fact that priority bills are still on General File waiting to be heard the first time, and since our rules indicate that priority bills...that's the way the rule indicates that all priority bills will be