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heard, again in the interest of fairness, Mr. Speaker, I would ask you the question, do you really believe that the way we are operating on these second hearing bills, extending the time frame, that all priority bills will, in fact, be heard this session?

SPEAKER MARVEL: I think, for instance we had...we have had several of these bills and I don't need to go into the numbers, but we have had bills where the debate had stopped in the middle of the discussion and they had to be extended. In fairness to some kind of continuity, they were extended over to the next day.

SENATOR VICKERS: But wasn't that...(interruption).

SPEAKER MARVEL: I still maintain that priority bills will get their exposure if we can continue without complete constant debate. And I can't control that.

SENATOR VICKERS: You cannot control the debate....

SPEAKER MARVEL: No, sir.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...but you can control the order they come up.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: That's what I have tried to...that's what...

SENATOR VICKERS: ...and I am just suggesting that by having the second time come up before they have all been heard the first time, that unless the debate is limited to a specific point in time, a limited time, that there, in fact, will be priority bills that will not be heard. I would allow...I am sure other people would like to speak on this issue, Mr. Speaker, and I would simply end this exchange at this point in time and let other people speak to that issue, reserving the right to perhaps speak to it again later.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we have....one other point, Senator Vickers, and then we will proceed. We have checked the files, under yesterday's agenda LB 40 did not fall under the 30 minute limit.

SENATOR VICKERS: Could you explain that...it didn't....

SPEAKER MARVEL: I have just explained it as best I can, sir.

SENATOR VICKERS: It didn't fall under...it didn't take