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of a caucus which we hold occasionally. recently the chair people met. We made a determination that in the Speaker's judgment if a bill had significant possibilities as far as the state is concerned and I do consider Omaha a significant part of this state, that he could use his judgment to place a bill before us that we felt should be treated either positively or negatively. We also advised the Speaker, once a bill, and I think from that time forward, that once a bill had had a fair discussion on the floor it would drop to the bottom of the priority bills, and I am certain that Senator Marvel is going to uphold this. We also suggested to Senator Marvel if he is getting too much pressure about establishing an agenda. we elected him Speaker unanimously, which I think is an indication of our trust in this man and his integrity. We also said, you put the agenda out and if we don't like it. we all have a chance to override your agenda, and that's 30 votes, and so someone today is taking that opportunity, and it's probably Senator Chambers, and those of us will make a determination whether the Speaker is wrong or whether he is right. But I think that for us to be taking the Speaker on when he's in a position he can't debate, is not ethical nor is it fair, and I am going to support the Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am going to surprise you, Senator Chambers, by giving you some information. You keep having the innuendo and it has gone way beyond the instando now that somehow I am manipulating everything and my name is on too many priority bills. The surprise is this, not one of the priority bills did I select as a priority bill, and I voted against the priority system that's been advanced so far and been dealt with. When I voted against the priority system. I suggested that those issues that are statewide issues will have the pressure behind them to be dealt with, and they will work in the normal course, and with your priority games you are creating an aberration. I didn't pick Omaha sales tax as a priority bill, others did. I didn't pick those other bills that are advancing as priority bills, just like Muni power pool and so on and so forth. I worked on a number of these issues over the years. Worked on them all summer. I think they are substantive issues. If the crime is having my name on the bill and working on the issue, well, I plead guilty. So, with respect to the priority, I think it is ultimately on any issue going to get down to the substance of that issue. The second thing, the time limit that Senator Vickers proposes and talks about

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