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have to say and I will be heard, if not by the members of this body, by those who are outside the body. So my motion, so it's clear to the body, is that the Speaker's agenda with reference to LB 40 be overruled.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have heard the motion. All those in favor of...all right, the motion is this. I want to get it clear so we weren't confusing. You vote yes if you wish to overrule. You vote no if you wish to leave it the way it is. Is that...now does everybody understand what the vote is? Okay, Senator Marsh, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the record I would like to say that there was some discussion among the Chairpersons that if a bill came up and it was a priority bill and it did not have the votes to pass, it was my understanding that that would go to the bottom of the priority list. Therefore, I was very surprised to have a bill come up once, not have sufficient votes, and still come up another time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you ready for the question? Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I...since I asked the questions that precipitated this discussion, I think I should at least say a few words in defense of those questions that I was asking. In defense of Senator Chambers, some people have indicated this morning that Senator Chambers was completely off the subject yesterday and was talking about other things. It seems to me that that is exactly what has been going on here this morning. I didn't raise this issue, and I don't think Senator Chambers raised this issue to discuss the Omaha sales tax. That is not the issue as far as I am concerned. The issue is one of fairness. Now, the Speaker I happen to think is doing an excellent job. I happen to think that... I hope at least that he considers me a friend. I consider him one of my close friends. But, nevertheless, in this one particular instance I think he is wrong and I have to stand up and say so. The issue is that our rules that we adopted say, as Senator Beutler read to you, that all priority bills will be heard, will be given an opportunity to be heard this session. It is true, our rules do not say what happens about the second hearing on those bills? But in the interest of fairness it seems to me that all priority bills should be heard once before we start hearing priority bills a second time. Now as Senator Marsh just indicated, and Senator Koch indicated it earlier, the

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