

committee Chairmen have made a decision that...if I understand it correctly, that henceforth all priority bills that fail to advance will fall to the bottom of the pile and I am suggesting to you that that's the case. Then in the instance of fairness, is it fair to have these three particular bills be heard a second time when the rest of them won't be? Believe me, there will be other priority bills that will fail to advance. Now as far as the question about the time limit is concerned, Senator DeCamp indicated that I was the one that suggested that. I didn't. I didn't suggest a time limit. When Senator Marvel and I were discussing it yesterday, he told me that that was one of the problems that he had was holding down debate on the second time, and I said, you know, maybe you could put a time limit. But the 30 minutes that are on the agenda for the two bills that we are going to discuss this afternoon have a time limit. And, Senator DeCamp, I didn't put that time limit there. I agree with you, time limits aren't a good idea but if we are going to have a time limit on some bills, then in the instance of fairness we should have a time limit on all bills that are heard the second time. I think that is the issue. The issue is not whether Senator Marvel's doing a good job or not. The issue is one of fairness as far as the priority bill system is concerned. If you, in fact, whether or not you are for any of the bills that are being heard the second time, if you, in fact, believe that all bills should be heard as the rules say they should be heard, then it seems to me that that means that all bills shall not be heard the second time until that is done. However, if you want to make a certain exception for certain bills, then I guess you need to vote along with the Speaker. That is the issue. It's just simply one of fairness as the rules state.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is if you wish to overrule the Chair, vote yes. If you don't wish to overrule the Chair, vote no. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Well, Mr. Speaker, I had my light on.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I'm sorry.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I am going to rise in support of the Chair and I will tell you why. As I recall our Chairman's meeting and as Senator Marsh did explain, we had the discussion whether these bills would go to the top or the bottom. But as I recall that meeting, the end result was we gave the authority on priority bills in the hands of the Speaker