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SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I fully understand, Mr. President, the position you are in, however, I rise to join Senator Beutler in some of his concerns because I feel this is a poor way to run a ship. We come up here on the floor and we know we're not going to get clear through all of these bills. We never have unless we do it this method. When Senator Nichol asked his question, "What do you want to do, let the bills sit there?" I might possibly offer a compromise that last year's bills that we've had time to digest and think about and know about go ahead and act in this manner but this year's bills I would say I don't think it is quite fair because we haven't had time to prepare for them and to really take this action. And it also is not fair to the people who have bills that are scheduled late for public hearing that are being held in the committee for a date to be set, that are going to be out late. Now there is many, many, many bills that were handed in to the Clerk to be debated to be put up this year that haven't gotten out of committee yet, they are being held in committee, but these people who got their bills out early and some of them are not that clean, I just feel that the rush, rush, rush is...I'm not prepared for some of these bills and I will admit it. There is no way that I can be prepared for all of them and listen to the debate this morning, be involved in the debate this morning and then asked to be voting on these bills so I would like to join Senator Beutler in saying that possibly maybe we should compromise, do it on last year's bills but this year's bills, let them set. We haven't gotten to the priority bills yet. So some of these people are going to get two bills passed this year, they're new, this bill and their priority bills. So I really sympathize with you, Mr. President, but I can't reach you on this so thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members, I would think that the Legislature would want the process to go through and I think that is what the Speaker is trying to do. You can look on E & R and find there is nothing there for E & R to do at the present time. All these bills on Select File have to be printed. This gives the process a chance to flow evenly. I would prefer that the bills be put on Select File, in the first place that do not have amendments at all outside of E & R amendments. If you are talking about the bills that are still in committee that has nothing to do with this particular problem at all. Those bills may never be heard and if you are talking about plugging up Select File, you can certainly do that. I don't think that is the way to run the ship. I think that we ought to have a flow of bills going through. Now you did have a notice on your desk from the Speaker this morning stating