

You know, a funny thing happened to LB 866 on its way to General File. The conventional wisdom around here, I think, is that especially in the short session you get your bills in early so they have a low number, they get heard early and then you get them on the agenda early so they have a good chance of passage. So, you know, I've been around here long enough to recognize that that's good strategy. So what did I do? I introduced LB 866 early. You can tell that by the number, you know, it has a low number for this session. But then what happened? For some unexplained reason, the Revenue Committee didn't hold a hearing on the bill till the next to the last day that hearings were held. I don't know why that happened. I understand it was some sort of a coincidence, but that's what happened. And then it was quite some time before they had an executive session to consider the bill after that, quite some, I don't know how many days, but quite a few days after the public hearing before there was an executive session; and at that exec session the bill was advanced with the committee amendments which pleased me very much. And then it took eight days, the full eight days, of course, to get it reported to the floor, strictly within the rules, but it did take the full eight days to get it to the floor. So as a consequence, when you look at General File, it's down next to the bottom of priority bills on General File. Well, everything that happened, of course, was strictly within the rules. However, I don't think what happened to it should happen to a major bill like that. I think it should at least have consideration on the floor of the Legislature, an alternative, a possible alternative. It's not being allowed that chance. The Speaker did not see fit to grant my request to special order the bill although I see on the agenda today we have a couple of General File bills on special order. One of them is LB 1124. Now that may very well be a major bill, I don't know. I have not considered that to be crucial to this session, but maybe I'm overlooking something; then LB 1113, I understand that's a bill which requires action by this body by 1992. Maybe I also am overlooking something there because, to me, it doesn't look as if that bill is of major consequence, needs to be ahead of, for instance, LB 866 in the debate this session. So that, in a nutshell, is my reasons for doing what I don't like to do and that's to ask that the Speaker's order be changed so that the next bill debated would be LB 866. And I would hope there would not be a lot of debate on it. You know, I have some amendments to the committee amendments; and whether or not those get on or whether you want to change them, I really don't care that much at this stage because my primary purpose