

going to take time, should take time; and if we adopt Senator Lamb's motion here, it's going to take, you know, a good share of the day. It should, it's a big bill. LB 866 is a hundred million dollar bill. You're talking about sales tax increases, not to mention the fact that we know very...we know a minuscule about LB 866 compared to other measures we've talked about this year, both because, you know, nobody wants to talk about that bill. Nobody wants to spend hours and days in the Department of Revenue or wherever to find out the actual impact on a taxpayer basis, but we don't bother with that LB 866, that's kind of beside the point though. You know, there's several bills out there that need to be discussed, yes, LB 1059 may or may not pass. That's legitimate; we have more time here. I urge, Senator Lamb, if you would amend his motion so we would proceed directly to General File and I'll stay here unlike some day, unlike last Friday night, I have no appointments I have to leave for so I'll stay here as long as it takes. But I do not think we should bump LB 866 up. I think it should take its turn down there on General File. I don't mind if we go directly to General File and spend all day on it, but, no, LB 866 shouldn't leapfrog over everything else. And I guess I want people to remember that Senator Lamb, sure, he wishes his priority bill wouldn't take very much time being debated. But a bill of that magnitude certainly deserves, you know, we spent three days on LB 1059. Since LB 866 is half the size of that bill, we should at least take a day and a half and that will keep everything from happening, so keep that in mind as you look at Senator Lamb's motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chizek, please. I don't see Senator Chizek. Senator Barrett, please, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I can understand Senator Lamb's frustrations. I can understand them very well. Every session during the waning days, the last three or four days or the last week, whatever it might be, the tensions rise, the tempers become shorter, and the pressures become greater on the Speaker's office to schedule my bill first, to delete this bill so that my bill can be heard, to special order my bill because it is more important than any of the other 50 priority bills that are still out there awaiting debate. It becomes a very, very big, heavy problem for the Speaker's office to schedule. In my four years as Speaker, I believe that this is the first time that there has been a