

serious attempt to override a Speaker's agenda; and I can understand that. I sympathize with Senator Lamb in his position and his frustration. But at the same time, let me suggest to you that I have tried to be scrupulously fair and honest in scheduling bills for this Legislature in the last three years, and for the most part or for all of this session up through today. You know that my purpose has been to get priority bills out first, individual priority bills out first, followed, hopefully, by committee bills and then last my own Speaker priority bills. We've done an amazingly good job for these past three and three-quarters years. In all cases, individual priorities have been heard where they were supposed to be heard. Those that weren't were not heard for various reasons, the introducer did not want them heard or for other reasons. This year my frustration level is high, too, because we have eight or ten bills out there that are not being scheduled and they're priority bills. One of the reasons we started late was because the priority bills did not come out of committee as early as they normally do. The individual priority bills were reported to the floor late; and as you know, my custom has been to schedule the bills pretty much in the order that they come out of committee. It's unfortunate that Senator Lamb's bill, LB 866, was the next to last bill to come out of committee. That is unfortunate. But there's absolutely nothing that I could do about it. I think Senator Lamb has been treated fairly, not only this session but in previous sessions, by the Speaker's office. We can spend the next two or three hours haggling over whether this bill should be moved ahead of LB 1124 or whether it should be moved to the top of the individual priority lists or whatever. As you know, this is the last day, for all intents and purposes, for General File bills to be heard if they are to be processed. This is probably the last day. I would caution you about spending too much time talking about this motion, although it is well intended. There are too many other important things to be done. Also, I would remind you that, and I guess this is in conclusion, that if we start setting the agenda on the floor of the Legislature, particularly in the last four days of any session...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BARRETT: ...we're really in trouble. I would hope that the body would turn down this motion by Senator Lamb to overrule the agenda. Thank you.