

and as others said even better than I, there is a difference between this motion and the motions that were considered this morning because these bills are on Final Reading. These bills have been on General and have been on Select and are now poised for that final vote and I think that makes a difference, a great difference, and that's another reason for the motion today. I think my duty and the duty of the Speaker's office is to do everything possible to make sure that all individual senator priority bills are heard. And, as I have indicated earlier, this has been one of my purposes in life to, hopefully, get these bills addressed. But my concern for the process and the breakdown of the process has been growing daily and probably was capped this morning. I don't want the session to break down. I want our...I don't want our system to break down and I think we have a means to salvage the system. But, again, my motion goes only to these individual senator priority bills. And, incidentally, in saying that, I inadvertently, and I take full responsibility, omitted one individual senator priority bill, LB 1018, from the agenda, Senator Abboud's priority bill, and I have apologized to him this morning for that oversight. But that should be included in the list of Final Reading bills right after 1146E. So my concern on this the 57th day of this session is about not getting as much done as we should and specifically these priority bills. I offer the motion as an option. And, again, I think it's my duty and responsibility to offer as many alternatives as possible to massage the system and make it continue to flow. If you don't agree with this, obviously, vote no. I would ask that you don't vote yes just to...as a favor to the office of the Speaker. It's my job to offer the options. I'm doing it. I hope that you accept this as an option, as an alternative to at least handle some of these bills that I think need to be handled. It's a logical alternative to breaking a logjam. I would hope that you could support it. If the motion fails, we'll, obviously, take each motion one at a time. And, as you all know, on one of the bills we have at the present time 52 amendments pending; on another one I believe there is at least one. So I see this is as a chance to partially put the structure back together and I would hope that we won't debate it to any great extent, but, obviously, I would hope that you can support it. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please, followed by Senator Chambers, Senator Schellpeper, Senator Moore and Senator Hannibal.