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pass over this piece of legislation, does it go to the bottom of the pile as to when it comes up again or not?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Haberman, I have conveyed to Senator Chambers that I will give no guarantees as to when it might come up again because, as you know, we are going to start getting into the tax issues, some other things coming down the road. I have no idea when it might come up again.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, there are a number of currents operating here. There are a number of issues before us. There is a vindictiveness on the floor, and if they want to vote against allowing me to lay over the bill, fine. But this is a tactic which I have never used with reference to anybody who wanted to lay their bill over. I know it is a chance to demagogue an issue. It is a chance to try to grab headlines. It is a chance to try to pay off promises. And if that is the game that is to be played this morning, I can play it this morning, and I can play it the rest of the session. But what I am asking that you do, since it is my bill, is to vote to lay it over since that is what I am requesting. The unanimous consent ought to have been granted as a courtesy. There is no requirement that we be courteous, and often we're not. That is why the rules allow a motion to be made and I have made it. But if you want to be combative, if you want to be pugnacious, if you want to be vindictive, have at it, but for those who understand the nature of the process and the fact that we are going to be here for a good while this session, there are going to be a number of issues that are going to have razor-thin majorities, if any at all. There is going to be such a delicate balance this session when we get to issues that are of concern to you that the worse thing you might do, the worse thing you can do, not might, is to alienate me. Now you can take that as a challenge, which is not my intent, but since we are going to play this kind of game, I am not going to slither around the halls, make statements behind people's back, make little secret deals about what I am going to do on the floor, and then hide my hand and pretend I haven't done it. I am going to put it all out in the open, and if the battle lines are being drawn, if war is being declared, I am your even change, but the motion is to lay this bill over.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hefner.