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the bill that I would like to choose as my priority bill was voted out of the Judiciary Committee January 22 of this year. So both were voted out well in advance. It's my hope that 812 would be a Speaker priority bill, I have no assurance of that. But it was not my intent when...when the letter was originally sent up to the Speaker, I realized it the next day. And the only way I can switch them around is by doing this motion. So I would urge your indulgence in voting for it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any discussion on the motion by Senator Abboud? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, just a comment on this. I am going to support Senator Abboud's motion, because it is a...I visited with him before and I'm convinced it was a genuine error, and that we need to give members of the body leeway to correct errors. I guess I would comment that on the general practice of suspending this rule to allow people to change priority bills is probably not a good practice. There's an advantage, on one hand, of naming a bill early. But if that bill doesn't get out of committee, then if we use this practice for changing that, to choose a different bill for priority status, I think it could cause some sort of havoc with the priority designation status. So I'm going to support this one because it appears to be a genuine mistake. But I think that it ought to not be a precedent that anybody can come in, in the future, and, for whatever reason, change their priority designation. So I'm going to support this motion, but I just wanted to make that comment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Abboud, do you wish to beg further? Or close. (Laughter.)

SENATOR ABBOD: No, I think I've done enough for today.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now vote on the motion by Senator Abboud. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the suspension motion.

SPEAKER BAACK: The motion is adopted. Items for the record.