

taking a chance that your bill won't get out of committee so that you can make sure it gets on that priority list and you take that chance, you might win and you might not, but if it comes out, you have your place on the list, then somebody who selected theirs later gets it jumped above everything else, I think it violates the priority system. You all may agree and I will be out of the picture again, as usual, but I just want to state it in front so you all will know where I'm coming from. I'm not going to surprise you. I haven't decided at this point that I'm going to be a total obstructionist. I'm going to think about it and think about it but I'm letting you know that may be a very real possibility and I'm telling you in advance because I don't want to become the very thing that I criticize in others. But I'm supporting the advancement of this bill, by the way.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, I'm going to oppose the advancement of this bill but I just want it clear that I did not have any conversations whatsoever with the Speaker to move my priority bill ahead in the system. I did not even mention that that was a necessity. I have not had any words whatsoever, so I want people to understand that. Senator Chambers, I want you to understand that and others to understand that, that I do understand the priority system. I would never have gone and asked for my bill, for whatever reasons, to go ahead. I know it's an important bill. If we don't get it passed this session, the lid will be lifted. This is the last year for that. But I did not ask for any special privileges and I want people to understand that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I just wanted to comment on Senator Witek is a hundred percent correct. I can understand why she would think that it would be my nature to give her bills special priority status but it did not happen in this case. So I just wanted to make that clear.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Is there any further discussion on the advancement of LB 337A? Seeing none, the question before you is the advancement of LB 337A. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. LB 337A advances. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.