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those issues are and the only reason I'm mentioning it to him, he strongly supports this. I want him to think back to the way he felt when he was dealing with what he thought to be very essential important issues. And certain interests and powers outside this Legislature came into play and frustrated the achievement of those purposes. I want him to multiply that by 100 times to get some small notion of what I'm talking about this morning. What those groups did was not written into the rules as he and others are trying to write it into the rules this morning. So I'm stripping away all this pretense of collegiality and I'm saying you're drawing the line in the sand, you're showing me what your attitude is...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and I'm going to show you what mine is.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schellpeper on the Maurstad amendment.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. I tend to agree with Senator Chambers. I think he makes some very good points. If you remember last year, the Speaker designated the Micron bills as priority bills and he can do that right now if there's an issue out there that's very important so I don't think that we need to go quite this far and give the Speaker, whoever it might be, that much authority. Senator Will, if I could ask you a question. Would this proposal allow the Speaker to tell the committee chairs that you will hold a hearing on a certain bill early...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Will.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ...before any other bills?

SENATOR WILL: The way that it's written, Senator Schellpeper, it would allow the Speaker to require the committee to hold a public hearing by a date certain as agreed to by the Speaker and the committee chairperson. So I think the sense behind that would be that the Speaker and the chairperson would sit down and discuss when it would be reasonable to hold a hearing. As I read it, it would not give the Speaker absolute power but it would force the two of them to sit down and figure out when a reasonable date would be.