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alternative. So, just to clear up any confusion. Senator Maurstad was asking me about that, and I...that is my intent on that item. On the Maurstad amendment at the moment I think it's a good idea, Senator Maurstad. It's...in looking through this and thinking about how we might be able to further restrict the application of this so that we do not give one individual greater authority than we may feel comfortable doing, this is something I thought that might be a good idea too, so that we will not have a Speaker who picks that individual's five favorite bills as those that are the major issues of the session. It...this gives a requirement that they at least be having designated as a priority bill by other members. I think it adds to the rule, it does not detract. I think it's a good suggestion, one that I had thought of but had not proposed. So I certainly will be voting in favor of the Maurstad amendment and would urge you to also.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, where is Senator Landis? Is Senator Landis within the sound of my voice?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm picking up a signal from him, he said he is, so for me to be sure and continue. Members of the Legislature, I want to show Senator Landis how collegial I can be. Since it appears that there is not objection to be overcome with reference to Senator Maurstad's amendment, I'm not going to pursue the discussion or offer additional rationale for adopting it. I hope we will vote for it because it does comport with what is supposedly the intent of the priority system and this proposed rule change.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I rise in support of the Maurstad amendment. I think certainly it comports with the spirit of this proposed rules change, and particularly since we are removing the limitation that was initially in the proposed change that would require the Speaker to make a determination by the 20th legislative day. I think if