

different answer on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. We do have a committee system, and that committee system works very well because that relieves all of us the responsibility of hearing and deciding on every single rule before a select group of people hears it. But sometimes that committee system is deadlocked, and that's what happened on this particular bill. We have a rule, as we've been saying this morning, in Section 17, to allow, by the vote of the body, a way to address this situation, if a bill is stuck in committee for more than 20 days. Will there be a motion on every bill that is in committee more than 20 days? No, because of some of the things that Senator Bromm said. There are tough bills and there are several sides usually working on working out the compromises, getting something that everyone can live with. So if a senator would go to the chairman and say, I want this bill out of committee, and the chairman says, we're working on your bill, give us another two or three days, or a week, or whatever, and we will probably have a compromise. If the senator whose bill that is, or any senator, agrees with that, then they're going to be quiet, they're going to wait, they're going to be patient. But if they're impatient and in fact insist that it be brought out of committee, by filing the appropriate motions in the appropriate time, and that motion does not receive the required 25 votes, the bill is dead. That will put a stop to trying to get every single bill out of committee, because senators are going to run the risk of having bills killed when, in fact, they are being worked on. Senator Stuhr made a motion to bring this bill out of committee based on the facts at the time that she made that motion. LB 943 is her priority. She wanted a chance to address that bill. We have the rules that allows for a senator to do what Senator Stuhr has asked for. By 25 votes the body can say yes, we want to talk about this. That's all we're asking. And if you agree with that, then you will vote to override the Chair. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll try to be brief. I support the Chair's ruling because I think it is a sensible construction of the rules as we have them before us,