

came down to the one added authority that is given to the Speaker in addition to clarifying, at least for these five bills, the special ordering capabilities, is the ability of the Speaker to determine the scheduling of the proposal and the order of amendments and motions to be considered. It will be my intention, on this bill and all other bills, not to exercise that authority at the very beginning of consideration of a bill, unless it is apparent that I need to do that. The authority will be used, if at all, when it appears as though we have quite a number of competing amendments on the desk, and it will be used in an attempt to facilitate orderly consideration of the proposal before us. At this point, when I first came in here there was... I think there are only three amendments, in addition to the committee amendments, filed on the bill. At this point it would be my intention to let those just play out as they have been filed up there. So you're probably not going to see any major changes, at least initially, as a result of this particular bill being one of the Speaker Major Proposals. However, if we get to the point where there are a number of competing motions and amendments, I will reserve the ability, at that time, to deal with those. So I just wanted to make it clear to the membership what my thoughts were on these as major proposals.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We'll go to General File, LB 108. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, 108 was introduced by the Natural Resources Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 6 of 1995, at that time was referred to the Natural Resources Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Natural Resource Committee amendments pending. (Standing Committee amendment, AM3613, is printed separately and referred to on page 1177 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Committee amendments, Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, here at last, here at last, thank God almighty, here at last. (Laughter) No bill that's come through this Legislature has been through such a process as this one has. No bill that's come through the Legislature has had more public input than this