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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, you, during your remarks, mentioned that we're in a crisis situation, and I do not disagree with that. Do you...are you of the opinion that, if the Appropriations Committee goes through this work that is necessary to come up with information that requires the introduction of a bill, that the body would not give the 30 votes necessary to allow that bill to be introduced after the cutoff date for introduction of bills?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I wouldn't necessarily say that the body would not do that, Senator Chambers. I think the question would be if we had, let's say, 1, are we going to have maybe 15 or 20? I assume we would have to make several votes. It would probably slow the process up or complicate the process more.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, rather than change the rules, it seems to me that somebody could move to suspend the rules so that we wouldn't have to take an individual vote on each bill, and be able to introduce them all on one vote. We could do that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would assume some things like that could be done, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That's all that I will ask you. Members of the Legislature, I am opposed to giving any committee a favored or special status, even when under circumstances that face today there are issues that pertain particularly and primarily to that committee's area of operation. When I was walking in this morning with the Chairman of the Banking Committee, I had told him there could be a situation where a crisis in banking could develop after we're in session, but the possibility of that should not cause us to give the Banking Committee prerogatives that attach to no other committee. The Appropriations Committee already is given consideration that others are not. This amendment to the rules is not necessary. We could achieve what is desired by the Appropriations Committee under the rules, as they exist now. Sometimes we need to take a little time to do what it is that we propose to do. Not everything has to be on the fast track. It has fallen to me in many instances to say we need to slow down, back up, take a deep