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committee that has this privilege, the Executive Board of the Legislature. You might ask if this rule change is absolutely necessary. No, it's not absolutely necessary. Would it be very helpful? Yes, it would be very helpful. The committee and members of the committee would not have to spend time seeking priority status from you as an individual, and causing individuals to be split in their loyalties between things that they may want to prioritize and things that need to be done, as represented by many of the bills in the Performance Audit Committee. And likewise, it would take pressure off committees who generally have a pretty good idea of what they want to be their committee bills. So it would help a great deal in terms of facilitating process, in terms of early scheduling in hearing, in terms of early scheduling on the floor, as all priority bills, as you know, have some slight advantage. The committee has not, to my knowledge, ever failed to get a bill heard. But we have had to do such things as to rely upon amendments on the floor in order to get things done. And that, of course, leads to situations where maybe you're compromising a good bill and things that should not be compromised, in order to get permission to put them into somebody else's bill. That's not a particularly good situation. So this is what we're asking for. And let me assert to you that I think this sends a good, positive message to the public. The Legislature is improving, has been improving very rapidly in the last few years, its ability to review and provide oversight on the implementation of laws, laws that are already there. Many people in the public, I think, would say that we allocate too much time and energy to making new laws all the time, and not enough time to reviewing those laws that are already on the books, and making them work properly. So this change improves the ability of the Legislature to monitor and to improve the implementation of our laws. And that, I think, is something that the public would applaud, and I think that's something that is a good thing for the institution and for us. I think that concludes my remarks. The members of the committee are Senator Bromm and Senator McDonald and Senator Brown and Senator Engel and Senator Wehrbein and Senator Price and myself, so you may want to direct questions to any one of those. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Baker,