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Let me read to you in Rule 1, under (c), Section 16, the last, rather than bother you with reading the entire Section 16, after the period after "Legislature," period "The general appropriation bills shall be given precedence over all other bills". Also on Rule 6, Section 2, subparagraph (c), "Bills shall be listed and considered on General File in the order in which they shall be reported in the standing committees except as by ... as modified by the Speaker, provided that any bill that comes up for debate for a second time with the introducer present shall be placed by the Clerk at the bottom of General File if said introducer asks for further time unless otherwise directed by the Speaker".

These two rules are the rules that I am basing my attempt to move this body forward to fulfill our obligation to our Constitution, to proceed with the appropriation bills at this time and do our responsibility.

If there is time remaining, and I hope that there is ... but there is no one, but no one in this body can determine how much time this is going to take. Therefore, I ask that we do the first things first and then proceed with our other business.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach, you read some rules. Were you making a point of order or addressing an inquiry to the Chair?

SENATOR BURBACH: I was only reading the rules as I read them from the Rule Book of January 1, 1976.

PRESIDENT: Well it says "general appropriation bills shall be given precedence over all other bills".

SENATOR BURBACH: What's that?

PRESIDENT: Well Rule 1, Section 16 says: "General appropriation bills shall be given precedence over all other bills".

SENATOR BURBACH: This is my point.

PRESIDENT: Alright now what.... Are you raising a point?

SENATOR BURBACH: Yes, I certainly am, I certainly am. I would say the point is this, this is the rule. We need 30 votes to suspend the rules to do other than I have directed under the Speakers orders.

PRESIDENT: Alright. Record your vote. We're voting on the taking up 703 rather than general appropriation bills. This involves a suspension of the rules, specifically Section 16 of Rule 1 which provides that "general appropriation bills shall be given precedence".

CLERK: Motion to move to suspend the rules to continue debate on 703.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Senator Schmit.