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SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, once again we will open up the board and once again let me state that we are not voting to suspend any rules. I assume that if any rules need to be suspended that that discussion will come at the particular time that it is relevant. Right now we are either endorsing or not endorsing the Speaker's general philosophical proposition that the bill is rejected on General . . . priority bills rejected on General File should come up again in about two weeks for a, hopefully short debate. Is that fairly stated? I guess it is not clearly stated. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Just one thing I would like to ask Mr. Chairman, that this motion be in the Journal and the vote on it so that if we ever want to refer back to it we will have it there, if that is agreeable. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Higgins the vote will not be in Journal for the reason that it is not technically an official vote. It is simply, the Speaker's wish to obtain the reaction of the body to a . . . a decision which is essentially the Speaker's decision but he wishes to have your input. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, are you saying then that this is just a straw vote?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Nichol, I have understood that that is what is intended and that is what this will be, yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, why. . .

SENATOR BEUTLER: Unless the body otherwise moves?

SENATOR HEFNER: Why don't we call it a straw vote then?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is fine. One straw vote coming up. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature I'm not trying to be argumentative but the Journal is the official record of legislative proceedings. If we take a vote here we are either voting officially or we are not and we have to vote on something so there has got to be something in the Journal to reflect what it is we have done and frankly I don't know what it is. So what I think ought to be done is to allow the Speaker to set the agenda and then if somebody objects try to overrule the Speaker but there has got to be