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SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I voice opposition not only to the time limit but to the very fact that we allow some priority bills choices and time above other priority bills. If we have heard a priority bill it is not limited in time when it is first heard. If it fails, why then again should we give it two weeks later another opportunity. The other priority bills that are waiting on General File are just as important to those who are waiting in line and waiting for their opportunity to pass their priority bill. I am opposed to the Speaker's suggestion and feel that if we had a vote that probably it would not be accepted. But I voice strong opposition to the fact that some priority bills who have failed to pass can take precedent over others priority bills who are just important to others. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: With that Mr. Speaker you have all of your input on this issue. Senator Wiitala, I didn't see your light. Did you wish to speak on this issue still? Please.

SENATOR WIITALA: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would have spoken earlier had I been on the floor but I was detained in my office. Mr. Speaker, members, I would like to rise in support of Senator Nichol's suggestion. In my conversations with me, it is my understanding that after we have heard the priorities of each Senator, or priority bills, that in two weeks time, I think we have almost already reached it where most of the members priority bills have already been heard or will shortly be heard that why can't we return back to a bill that failed to advance on General File, in two weeks time. It seems logical. The process is that every single bill that is heard on General File has an opportunity to be heard three times before it is dead. Now simply because someone performed selective surgery on your bill, and some of them have that performed on them sometimes, and they are able to waylay it on General File and it doesn't advance, I don't think that should preclude it from being heard again. I guess I am saying it because I have a vested interest. I have my priority bill fail to advance on General File and I think it has a right to be heard again before any committee bill is heard, before any of the Speaker's bills are being heard, at least among them and with them. So I would rise to support Senator Nichol in his move to have bills that failed to advance to be reconsidered in ten days or two weeks time. I hope you would see the same. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator DeCamp, did you wish to speak to this issue or were you intending to speak to LB 344 which is coming up next.