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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and Speaker Marvel, are we going to have a problem and I'm sorry I missed your meeting this morning. Committees are just now this week perhaps and some even next week getting through with the hearings and we are not going to have all the bills out before us by Friday and I guess I find myself in a dilemma. The bill that I would like to have for my priority bill is still in committee. What does this do to us?

SPEAKER MARVEL: You know we talked about this. Senator Johnson, do you want to answer the question? Were you listening?

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I was listening out of one ear and the question as I understand it, Senator Kahle raised was the, in a sense, early designation of committee bills, that is the designation of priority bills for/by committee by March 13, when in fact, the committees will not have completed their hearings until March 19 or 20. It would pose a problem. I was concerned with a somewhat similar problem, Senator Kahle, when we met this morning with the Speaker, that is when the chairmen of the various committees met this morning with the Speaker but the... I believe it was the consensus of the chairpersons that we should allow March 13 to be the date and that means simply that committees such as the Government Committee and the like will have to determine for themselves prior to March 13 which of the bills, including those who have not yet been heard, should be priority bills and I think that is even not too difficult with respect to the bills that have not yet been heard because each of us can sort of take a look at what is coming up and gauge the relative merits or demerits or weight or what have you of those bills, to ascertain whether or not we would like to make one or more of those bills priority bills. So I think at this juncture it is the consensus at least of the chairpersons that we will allow the rule to operate precisely as it is designed to operate notwithstanding the fact that some public hearings will be held after the 45th legislative day.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: The only thing that I guess I object to is the fact that bills then that we are going to hear after the 13th are very suspect as to whether they are going to get out of committee and if they do get out of committee they probably won't have a priority and...