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over nonpriority bills at the same stage, is that correct?

SPEAKER MARVEL: That is my understanding, yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So that would mean that any motion adopted saying that A bills will be held up until after budget bills would have no effect in face of this rule, isn't that correct? A priority bill would have priority over the budget bills. They haven't been labeled priority bills to my knowledge.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, it is my understanding that the appropriation measures, and Senator Warner may want to react to this, have precedent even over the priority bills.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here is what I want to know, if an A bill which is somebody's priority bill gets to Final Reading and an appropriations measure is not at that stage, which means at Final Reading, how can it be given precedence at that stage when it hasn't reached that stage but the priority bill is there?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner, do you understand the question?

SENATOR WARNER: I understand the question very well but what I do not know, Mr. President, is what the limitation is on the rule for priorities. I really don't know. I thought it had an exception relative to appropriation bills but I am not that familiar with the wording. There is no question that the amendment that was adopted, let me put it this way, the motion that was adopted would preclude the reading of a bill on Final Reading that carries an A bill appropriation for 81-82 until the appropriation bills are passed. Now if there is something in the rule that changes that, I am not aware of it. Senator Wesely I understand knows.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely. You are responding to Senator Chambers' questions.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Chambers, if you will look on page 31 of the new rule book, that is the yellow book, you will find under Section (h) on page 31, "Priority bills shall generally be considered ahead of all other bills at each stage of debate except that priority bills requiring the expenditure of appropriated funds may be held on Final Reading until such time as the annual appropriations bills have been passed." I think that answers the question quite clearly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I couldn't find the yellow copy