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the crunch toward the end of every session it comes down to the point where we can't handle everything. As you well know, the priority bills, you are each allowed one individually that is your baby. In addition to that, our rules say that each committee would have two priority bills and I was just attempting to reduce that to one so that it would alleviate somewhat the crunch at the end of the session.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on...Senator DeCamp. I guess his light is on. Do you want to speak on this, John?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I would respectfully oppose this. Individual priority bills admittedly when the idea was implemented might have within the priority something that is absolutely meaningless to the rest of the state or something that is incredibly important. But the idea of individual bills was that the individual, in his own mind or her own mind, selected what they thought was important to them and had a right to be treated the same as any other member of the Legislature. It was truly the great equalizer. With respect to the committees, the theory of even introducing a committee bill is that first of all a majority of the entire committee believe that this issue is something of great importance, that a majority of the committee have committed to it, and if then the committee finally deems it to be a priority, obviously, it is or should be something that that committee thinks is of statewide interest and of compelling interest for immediate action. So to limit the committee to only one committee priority bill would, I believe, result in a system that actually takes more time than this rather simple method of prioritizing bills. Here is what will occur. You will have motions to suspend the rules, motions to move a particular bill ahead because the various interest groups throughout the state that worked so hard to get a particular bill through a committee and the various committee members, having been limited to only one, will now have a squeeze and this will be their only method. And I would respectably predict that the loss of time resulting from substitute systems that are forced to develop will be more damaging than simply having committees have two priority bills. There is a certain quantity of work that is going to have to be dealt with. You can either deal with it in kind of an orderly fashion such as we developed with the priority