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been introduced already? Do you have any knowledge what number we are up to by now?

CLERK: We are...are you asking me a question, Senator? I'm sorry.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes, Mr. O'Donnell.

CLERK: LB 155, that is where we are at right now, Senator, 155.

SENATOR HIGGINS: We don't have any idea yet how many bills are going to end up being introduced for this session. Okay, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Pat.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this rule change. I believe that we will have enough priority bills. If each individual senator can have one, that is 49, and then a Standing Committee have one, that is another 15 or 16, and then if the Speaker can have 25, we, I believe that gets it up to 60 or so. I really don't think that we will have much more time than that. So I think this is a good change. I think we need it and I always did think that two priority bills for the committee was perhaps too many. And so, therefore, I would rise to support Senator Nichol's or the Speaker's rule change.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Chairman...Mr. President and members, I stand to oppose the rules change. I do it reluctantly because I understand the constraints that the Speaker attempts to operate under in processing all the priority bills. Those of you that haven't been here toward the end of a short session can certainly understand that...or if you haven't been here, why you soon will understand and those that have been here can certainly understand the pressure that is on the Speaker. But it seems to me that if we are going to do this, if we are going to limit the committees to only one priority bill, we had ought to then talk about what we are really attempting to do and that is to limit the total number of priority bills. I guess it would be my belief that I would rather see the committees still have two