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Now the Speaker has 25 bills and, believe me, he or she in the future will have to decide which of those are the most important. It is better to have the chairmen of those committees make that decision rather than the chairmen saying number one or number two bill is more important. Now if you come down and every chairman has two bills, which they don't all do at the end of the session because most of them have them taken care of, but for some of the committees such as Judiciary, Banking, Public Works, that have a lot of bills in the hopper, two bills is not enough for them. So what has been happening is that some committee that say has three or four bills, they will say, we will take these as our two bills and we will pass them over to Rules Committee or Ag or Education, whoever doesn't have very many, and say, put this on your priority list. It seems like they should be reasonably flexible to handle the bills and it will put the pressure on the committee chairmen to get those bills out there sooner and earlier so that we don't have this glut at the end. Believe me, it is a difficult situation when you come down to the last two weeks with more bills than you know you can handle. And we have, as you well know, personal bills first, so we take care of those. Secondly, committee bills, and thirdly the Speaker's. So if you can get to those Speaker bills quicker, you will get more of them accomplished than if you have them in committees and having committees use other bills other than their own as priority bills. I think it would be a good thing. I will live with it. I know I can get along for the next two years. But I think in the future...and if you don't pass it today, I think you should really think about this as to limit those bills toward the end of the session so it is a little more easy to handle. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the proposal to change the rules offered by Senator Nichol. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. You are voting on the proposed rule change offered by Senator Nichol. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Please record your vote on the proposed rule change. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 4 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The proposal fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, before I proceed to the next proposed