

all struggling here trying to get priority designation for different bills any why wasn't this made a priority bill by somebody if it involves \$11. some million dollars?

SENATOR RUPP: I'm not sure. I am strictly acting upon request of the Department of Motor Vehicles with this. Now Senator Wesely tells me it's been advanced from General File? From committee, yes, but it is on the floor. I can't answer your question, Senator Beutler, why it was not declared a priority bill. I have no idea.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is the Speaker intending to declare it a priority bill? Because I think that we are at the beginning of a process we are going to see a lot of...

SENATOR MARSH: (Interrupting)...Mr. Speaker, would you like to come to the Chair.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and I think we ought to address it immediately because there are a number...there are dozens, and dozens of bills, obviously, that are sitting there that are not priority bills, and as you and I know from our past experience, Senator Rupp, one of the ways around the process that is characteristically used, in order to advance bills that otherwise aren't going to get up, is to start attaching them on as amendments to bills that have advanced along the way a ways. I don't want to see that process started especially so early in the session. I think once we declare our priority bills those should be the priorities, and that should be it. If this is an \$11.2 million item in fact, then somebody ought to have declared it a priority bill I suppose.

SENATOR RUPP: I can certainly agree with that. I think probably in retrospect the Department of Motor Vehicles...or the Department of Roads wishes that they had let this stand on its own and not be encompassed in an omnibus type bill. But I guess that is water under the bridge and obviously was an oversight or mistake on someone's part that that was allowed to get bogged down with a more controversial bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well has the Speaker decided that this will not be a Speaker's priority bill?

SENATOR RUPP: I've been told that it will not be a priority bill as of the last...this was two or three days ago.