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session only that we can do, one of the things that we can do again for our own because we need more deliberative time and we need more freedom to be together on the floor for full debate on the important issues of the day is to limit the total public hearing time we are going to commit, to limit it, and also to give the committees, individually, the authority to determine at the outset what measures they will hear and what measures they will not hear. Again, this particular provision doesn't mean that any member has his or her number of bills restricted nor does it mean that any member automatically...that the bill of any member is automatically subject to death. It just simply means that the committee has the opportunity to prioritize its time on public hearings.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please, then Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to opposed Senator Johnson's latest version to put handcuffs on the members of the body in this Legislature. A committee, as I mentioned before, if they act properly, if they want to, they can hold a full and fair public hearing and act on their bills quickly. But then Senator Johnson goes ahead and there is a hooker in this whole thing. He says if a senator wants to, he can ask for 25 votes to have that bill brought forth and have a public hearing. Well, I am going to predict that if you pass this, we will spend more time on the floor of this body debating and trying to get 25 votes to have a public hearing on a bill than if we just went ahead and had the public hearing in the first place because you are not going to tell me that there aren't senators that are not going to stand up and try to have a public hearing on that bill because he would be a fool if he didn't. The people would say what did he introduce it for if he is not willing to stand up on the floor and at least try and have a public hearing because he is making a complete ass out of himself not to ask for that. So I might ask for five bills. There is five hours of debate. Then I have got to go and get 25 votes, and then pretty soon it might boil down to, hey, Senator Hall, I will vote for your bill and have a public hearing if you would vote for mine. Then pretty soon, here we go, ring-around-the-rosy, ring-around-the-rosy, and we will spend hour after hour debating this. Now if these things are so important, and if the way the body is run now is so derogatory and so