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have the appropriations bills, the spending cuts that we are going to do if we do them, the tax increases if we are going to do them and the priority bills that we are going to consider. So we will know that we are going to have to discipline ourselves and set our priorities. Mr. Speaker, I move the Rule 10 which will be an amendment to the rules. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Were you recommending that we adopt Rule 10, number 10? Is that what you said?

SENATOR HARRIS: Well, it's my amendment to the rules which is Rule 10, yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR HARRIS: I move that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. Senator Haberman, please, and then Senator Remmers.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Harris again referred to other states. Other states have a screening process. We already heard quite a dissertation about the other 49 states, but I feel that it is necessary to remind you that we are the only state that is a one-house Unicameral, that you cannot mix apples and oranges. If you want to have a two-house and do the way...the things they do in a two-house, then put it on the ballot and get it changed. Don't try to take a one-house Unicameral and turn it into...take a sow's ear and make a silk purse out of it. I mean, let's be upfront about the whole thing. Now, Senator Harris wants to shorten the days you can pick your priority bills. Well, he gave the reason himself not to shorten the days because you don't know what is going to happen to the budget because that might have some effect on your bill. Then he says the bills...the priority bills in '85 session shall not carry over into '86. So let's say that last year I picked a priority bill and it didn't make it. Now, I am supposed to go back to my people and say, that was a good idea in 1985 but now in '86 it is lousy. I just can't have it as a priority bill and it might be one of the best bills there is. But he is saying to me that I have to go to those people and say, well, it can't be a priority bill anymore. What is my criteria? What is my reasoning? Now, that is going to box you in like you won't