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which would then...we allow the chief introducer of the bill to address that motion immediately after it is made. Let me explain to the body the rationale of setting the agenda as I did, what will happen to LR 293CA, if the agenda is not overridden, and then let the body make its decision. And I mean this very sincerely, that it is of little regard to me whether the agenda is overridden, or whether the agenda is sustained. The one aside I would make there is invariably I have found that attempts to save time by extraordinary motions usually result in more time being taken. But that's kind of one of those axioms of legislative behavior. The bills before you today are bills that were stuck at the bottom of General File. LR 293CA would not have been before the body at this point and probably would not be before the body at all, had we not taken some extraordinary steps last Wednesday to schedule a number of bills on a quasi consent basis. It was my expectation, at that time, if bills were controversial that they would have been pulled back and not dealt with and handled in their normal order of debate, the same thing today. LR 293CA, I would agree with Senator Hall, is a pretty controversial issue. I, quite frankly, was surprised that it made it this far under the consent rules. And if more debate is needed, that is very appropriate. But I would suggest that that more debate would be in its natural order of consideration, which would be after those bills on Item number 7. And what would happen to LR 293CA, if this motion is not successful, is it would immediately be penciled in at the bottom of Item 7, after LB 984A. And I would suggest that the body is diligent and gets to its business. We probably will be able to consider those few bills that are there on Select File yet this session and get to 293 with an unlimited debate rule. So, that is my rationale in doing what I'm doing. If the body feels that 293CA is of importance to be brought up at this point and the other bills after it would then suffer in terms of debate time, that is certainly the body's decision. The rule in the book allows the body to override the Speaker's agenda, and Senator Hall is definitely making an appropriate motion. I just wanted to share with you my rationale in making the decision that I did, and to let you know what will happen to 293CA if this motion is not successful. With that, quite a number of lights on, some are...Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Point of order, Mr. President. With that understanding, does the same hold true if I were to withdraw this amendment now, or this motion, and because the time is