

Keverian cold to bill carry-overs

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BOSTON — Although more than 100 bills are set to die today at midnight, the Legislature is not likely to make any last-minute rules changes to allow measures to carry over into the next session, legislative-leaders said yesterday.

House Speaker George Keverian said although he supports the concept of allowing work on bills near passage to continue into a new session, he does not plan to change the current rules that require the death of all pending legislation when a session ends.

"The Speaker is not favorably disposed to changing the rules in

the last day," said Keverian spokesman Al Frezza. "There's also a question of whether the clerks are equipped to pull that kind of thing off."

The liberal citizens group Citizens for Participation in Political Action is pushing for allowing bills close to passage to carry over into the new year.

Richard Cauchi, director of the CPPAX group, said the proposal, "solves the waste of time and taxpayer money when major bills must artificially return to the first steps despite having already been approved in one or both chambers."