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SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Coordsen...oh, no, first of all, Senator Nelson, did you wish to speak on Senator Beutler's amendment? Okay, Senator Nelson waives off. Senator Coordsen, on Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, Senator Beutler, the amendment while offered in good faith, I'm sure, addresses what would create a problem that we were trying to avoid in developing this process and that is the almost impossibility of getting a committee together during the interim even for interim study hearings. And that is why it was our considered opinion, and, by the way, this did not come from any place else except this was an in house bill, so as long as you understand it didn't come from the outside anywhere, that the committee chairman or should the committee decide, delegate a committee staff person, and I believe line 11 and 12 would indicate that, "Such legislative committee may have a committee staff person review the rule and regulation". Trying to get at the problem of...that existed when we used to have, I think, what was it, the Administrative Rules Committee, something to that effect, where it was very difficult to get the committee together, trying to boil this issue down to where the opportunity was presented for people who had been actively working in that area on a full-time basis to take a look at the rules and regulations rather than the situation that had been in existence before which was ultimately abandoned. So we were trying to make as simple a process as possible and still create a process that required state agencies to call attention to the Legislature of their hearing dates and further that that be narrowed down to the committee that had had original jurisdiction in the matter. So while I understand your concerns, I, personally, feel that it would complicate the issue and perhaps again bring us to the point of unworkability.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Schmit, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I can understand also and I have some concerns, just as does Senator Beutler, about an individual committee chairman being able to state the intent of the Legislature. But I would have to say that I have to agree with Senator Coordsen in this instance because of the purely mechanical or logistical problems of getting people together. Now I do believe that a chairman will not just...most chairmen, at least, would not just go out and take a position