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because that's where it belongs. But there is something else even more systemic here that I'm talking about, and I would just like to have your consideration. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers, on the Schimek amendment to Rule 3.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't think I made myself clear the last time I spoke, so I'm going to try again. This language...forget that it says Reference Committee will refer to itself. Let's get to the meat of what is being proposed. In the last sentence we have these words: "Bills or resolutions which involve any other branch of government or which involve issues of the public shall not be considered to be internal operations." Somebody could say that term, "issues of the public," should be construed broadly, so any bill that we offer is of interest to the public...is...what is it...is an issue of the public because all of our bills start in this fashion: "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Nebraska." So every bill, every bill would fit into that catchall language--issues of the public. We are here to do the public's business, but we have to break things down into bite-size, manageable pieces. Nothing done in the legislative process has clean, sharp edges. Different issues are not always divided by a bright, clear line, so we do things by approximation. Some of what we do is "bunglesomely" done, but it is done in the way that we do it and patterns, practices, customs develop because it is impossible, in drafting a rule, to anticipate every single situation that rule will be applied to and be expected to cover. And if it is applied, it won't be applied the same way in every situation to which it applies. So the custom, the pattern has developed where bills of certain subject matter are referred by the Executive Board to the Executive Board to be heard. When all of those bills related to term limits, those constitutional amendments, came, the one that was referred to as the red letter amendment, where they would write next to your name whether you did this or that or the other, all of those went before the Executive Board. We held hearings. People who have those matters as things of interest to them know they will be heard before the Executive Board and they come to the hearings. We have not taken bills of general