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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, we are on item six.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, there was such a long pause and it was so quiet that I thought maybe a prediction made in this morning's Star, I think it was, had come to pass that this is going to be one of the quietest sessions in the history of the Legislature or something to that effect. So considering that, I looked around to see if the Governor or any of his people are around popping their finger because that is supposed to be the signal. But not having seen that, I guess the Speaker was just distracted. But here is my point, who is going to determine when a bill has been significantly amended and how will the determination be made? And maybe a suggestion for language would be if something is added or deleted. I don't know how you would get around it. But I can envision some bills based because of the subject they deal with that would want a follow of a tremendous amount of discussion because of the way this amendment is worded. Mr. Chairman, I saw Senator Wesely stand up, I meant to ask would he respond to that question. Senator Wesely, would you respond?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker. What we tried to do was not to require all the work of dealing with some of the bills that don't get hardly amended at all on General or Select, for instance the E clauses added, or maybe there is a slight change in some of the wording that doesn't really amount to a change in intent. And in those cases it seems hardly worth the effort of going through the process of putting up a revised statement and putting it in the bill book. So we tried to make it so it wasn't each and every time but that if it was significant if it altered in a substantial way at all the situation, you could then request a change and an updated summary. The difficulty we had was trying to determine who should handle this. At first we thought Research office, just for every bill that goes through just like on fiscal impact notes, you know, any time there is a change in the fiscal impact a new note is prepared by the fiscal analyst's office. My first thought was to have, any time there is a change that changes the basic thrust of the bill or any change at all the Research office would then just like the fiscal notes update the summary. But the problem was the Research office was worried about who would be responsible and who would be their oversight like the Appropriations Committee oversees the fiscal office. We didn't have anybody to do that. So then we thought, well, let's try the committee chairmen, and we also