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hearings.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Oh, then I would raise my point of order.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: And as I say, I am not trying to be obnoxious, but jiminy Christmas, it is kind of far out.

PRESIDENT: I don't see where it relates to anything that is before the body other than additional to the committees. The only way that I can see that it relates, Senator DeCamp, is that it is asking them to do that in connection with their hearings which they are going to hold anyway.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I hope so.

PRESIDENT: Now whether that's....

SENATOR DeCAMP: Whatever.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I, as has not been uncommon today, was in the minority on the Reference Committee on moving this bill to the Appropriations Committee rather than General File, and before we voted I asked Jack Rodgers again what the advantages were to moving a bill to General File as opposed to the Appropriations Committee. And he said, since the Appropriations Committee was going to conduct a hearing, there absolutely was no advantage to it. He said, before historically the only time we ever moved bills directly to General File was totally noncontroversial bills such as Revisor bills. He said to his knowledge he had never seen a bill with potential controversy moved directly to General File. I see no advantage whatsoever to move this bill directly to General File. It should go to the committee. And I think if you look at the organization of the Legislature, the unique nature of the Unicameral, the committee structure is an integral part of this system of government, and there is just absolutely no reason why we should bypass that committee structure. I think it is also ironic that the two bills we referenced, we weren't even consistent in those two bills because the one bill was referenced to a committee and everybody agreed that we needed public input, that we needed the expertise of the committee, we needed their legal staff, we needed to be able to function in a smaller unit than a body as a whole as far as that first step of the legislative process, and as a consequence we referred that bill to