

wondered, would Senator Chambers, or Senator Lamb, or somebody like that want to just answer it for me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Are you directing a...

SENATOR BECK: Question...

SPEAKER BARRETT: ...a question to the Chair, Senator Beck?

SENATOR BECK: Well, I'm directing a question to someone who could answer it, and maybe Senator Chambers wants to do that, or Senator Lamb, or maybe the Chair wants to do it. I don't care.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you identify then to whom you want to direct a question, please.

SENATOR BECK: Senator...oh, my, now you've put me in an eeny, meeny, miney, moe situation. All right. Senator Chambers. Then, if you have some time, my time left, give it to Senator Warner, you know, because I want him to have his fair share, because it's his amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the wording of the bill is permissive, saying that if...what it says, in effect, is if, in the Speaker's judgment, the subject matter is substantially different, the Speaker may refer it to the Reference Committee. If the Speaker referred it, then the Reference Committee would have to so refer. But it's discretionary with the Speaker and, should the Speaker decide to refer it, then that decision could be overridden by the vote. If somebody wanted to challenge the Speaker's failure to refer it, then, like any other ruling, that could be challenged. But until an amendment has been placed on a bill that would substantially alter it, there would be no application of this rule in my humble opinion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ever since I've been here we've been talking about coordination of postsecondary education. I, personally, felt that this amendment, this proposal that Senator Warner is bringing forward is the better choice. We don't have a lot of new bureaucracy, we put some