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suggest that...and I respect the concern and consideration by Mr. Bernard-Stevens for how individuals should be treated as compared to Standing Committees, but I can't see how this would help establish any responsibility for Standing Committees. So, I would recommend that we not support it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Further discussion? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to make just a couple of comments which I suppose could be classified in the category of mild opposition to the amendment. First of all, I would suggest that the amendment would probably cause some problem for the Clerk unless it were further clarified, because how is the body to know, how is the Clerk to know whether there has been the appropriate hearing and, therefore, what classification to give the proposed amendment. Secondly, I would suggest that perhaps it's not all that important anyway, because, as we all know, the type of hearing that a committee gives to a particular bill may be as perfunctory as a ten minute hearing, or it may be a real hearing, lasting for hours and hours. And no rule is going to control what kind of a hearing the committee has. I think probably in the end this body is going to make a judgment as to the review of the appropriate Standing Committee versus the review given to a matter by the Appropriations Committee. And if that Standing Committee has not gone thoroughly through the budget of the particular agency under discussion and the Appropriations Committee has, I would suggest that probably the matter will be resolved in the appropriate way simply on the basis that the one committee has done its work and the other has not. So, in the end, I guess, I think that perhaps the amendment is unnecessary and, beyond that, perhaps even a bit confusing.

SPEAKER BAACK: Further discussion? Seeing none, we will proceed to a vote. Oh, no. Senator Bernard-Stevens, to close, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Again, I brought the amendment simply for discussion to kind of awaken the body out of the doldrums. Maybe we can start actually thinking a little bit deeper about what we're doing at this point. We have to think about, I think, the end of the session rat race that takes place. The budget comes out, there are tons of bills waiting on Select File that have appropriations that have not been able to move yet, because we