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SENATOR BEUTLER: Where all three have to be on the same stage of debate?

SENATOR HALL: Right. In other words, I file an amendment on General File. It is not adopted. I file two amendments on Select File. The principal introducer of the bill says these amendments are filed for dilatory purposes because there are more than two. They now equal three, even though they haven't been addressed, even though one of them has already been put to rest. There is nothing in this rule change that says that those amendments have to all show up on the same stage of debate. Is that not true?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I think it would be generally interpreted that it would be the same stage of debate. However, if you want to put in language that says in the same stage of debate,...

SENATOR HALL: No, I don't...I don't support the measure at all,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that's fine.

SENATOR HALL: ...but my question is, it doesn't say that, right? There is nothing that says that they have to be on the same stage of debate.

SENATOR BEUTLER: For purposes of legislative intent, I will make clear at this point that it is the same stage of debate, Senator.

SENATOR HALL: Well, until we get a ruling on it, until first it becomes the rule, and then we get a ruling on it, I mean, you know, I guess I will take the Supreme Court version on legislative intent. But, anyway, you also deal with the Speaker as the individual who determines what is dilatory or not, right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR HALL: What happens if the Speaker isn't present?

SENATOR BEUTLER: If the Speaker is not present, the rule is not operative. We had a discussion on that, and you can say presiding officer or you can say Speaker, to me, personally, it