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makes no difference. I think the rule would be good in either event. I would ask the Speaker, himself, to address that. I think there is some feeling, the feeling expressed was that maybe if you had accidentally somebody sitting in the Chair who was not experienced in the Chair, that it might not be appropriate or fair to ask that person to make this kind of a decision, and that was the thinking. But, I think you could...

SENATOR HALL: Well, with all due respect to Senator...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...I think you could go either way on it, Senator, and it would be appropriate.

SENATOR HALL: Well, but my point is is that the way the bill is written, it is written as the Speaker, and you are saying that we now will have a bill or a rule in our book that says it does not apply if a certain individual is not here on the floor? I mean that is, in effect, what you have said when you answer the question and say...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think...I think, Senator, that the only occasion where the rule would not be operative is where the Speaker was not available.

SENATOR HALL: And that is possible.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If the Speaker is...

SENATOR HALL: Senator Will is not available today, he is sick. Tomorrow I have to be out of town for business purposes. I will not be here. In both of those cases, neither one of us happen to be the Speaker but that happens to the Speaker as well, and I guess the point I am trying to make, Senator Beutler, is that you, with all due respect to Senator Withem, and I think that he is a very wise and knowledgeable individual, but I don't think the bastion of what is a dilatory amendment, the entire bastion of knowledge for that lies in that office, nor should it. And I guess what we are doing here,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...when I start to look at this, and I appreciate your responding to those questions, when we are starting to look at this rule change, I mean under the rule change itself, if it were in place, I could not offer three amendments to this