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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Coordsen, I was trying to work this language, that's why I didn't get your question.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yeah, but I didn't ask the question of you directly at the point that you looked up. But the thought occurred to me that should this proposal become part of our rule book and if a person was opposed to an issue before the floor of the body, they could secure somewhat continuous 24-hour delays in addressing that simply by, on purpose, filing one dilatory amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, that's conceivable.

SENATOR COORDSEN: It's a wonderful process, isn't it?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I won't comment on that. (Laughter.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: I did notice that while your amendment tends to restrict that somewhat, it only illustrates what I visited with you earlier today about, that if the body of the Legislature does decide, or some member does decide to use their innovative thought process to delay the procedures, it really doesn't make any difference what we have in our rule books. Someone will come up with a way to delay the process. And it would appear in thought on this issue, since I first became aware of the amended version earlier this morning, that this amendment may in fact serve to extend the process rather than save time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senators, we're still on the Chambers amendment. Senator Beutler, do you care to address the Chambers amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just wish to make a couple of comments with respect to some suggestions that were made on the floor. In particular I think I would like to point out that the possibility or probability of renewed delays of bills being withdrawn from the floor at different points in time because additional amendments are offered is not a necessary or a logical consequence of the rule. It's possible that the Speaker may pull a bill off the agenda. It's limited to the current day, it has to be put on the next day. However, the Speaker also has the flexibility of not pulling it from the agenda but simply declaring, after a brief consultation up front, simply