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who listen to our proceedings, who pay more attention to what we do with the rules, than most of the members on the floor have done. Right now they are putting their tactics together so that they can make use of the rule changes that have been adopted thus far. They will make more use of our procedures and processes than we will. Consent calendar has been a tool for them to try to make certain things happen which otherwise would not. And I will say again, they are paid to do that, but we are elected and paid to see that wise, just, and appropriate legislation is enacted. Some of the methodologies that a legislature will adopt, which originally is done to facilitate the movement of legislation, will take on a life of its own, as has the consent calendar procedure, and it becomes something that does more than what was intended when it was originated. In the same way that the consent calendar process has evolved in the manner correctly described by Senator Withem, and certain informal powers that speakers have exercised have evolved into almost cut in stone powers of the speaker, these other grants of power that you gave the Speaker are going to broaden, expand, and reach beyond what the words of the rule have said, and the Speaker is going to do more things than some people who supported these rules will envision. Leadership encompasses power. There can be a power which is defined by the position held by the person exercising it, but somebody who is very thoughtful and has a forceful personality and a degree of fearlessness will expand on that power and utilize it far more than what is authorized explicitly by the grant of power contained in the rules. I don't believe that Senator Withem, while he is Speaker, would deliberately and in a venal fashion distort the power that has been given to him to favor one interest or individual over others. But in the caldron of conflict that this Legislature becomes toward the end of each session, tremendous power can be developed in the Speaker as there is in clouds which develop thunderstorms and even give birth to tornados in conjunction with other phenomena. And this power that builds up in the Speaker can be forced out of the Speaker by pressures brought to bear...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...by various interest groups. Not being infallible, the Speaker, whoever it happens to be, can be subtly influenced and not so subtly influenced, in some instances, to say it is more important that a goal be achieved than that the spirit of the rules be maintained. So when on one day a certain