

that, in the past, has not been a problem for the most part, when we first started cloture, the committee amendments, we had to have a vote at Select File on the committee amendments because you never got to the committee amendments, so this issue didn't raise at that time. Now we have a situation where we had amendments to the committee amendments. The committee amendments had been divided, so we voted on the committee amendments, themselves, but not on those amendments to the committee amendments. So there is...the question then is, where do those amendments to the committee amendments come in line? Should they...and the issue is should they come in line and move to the top because they were amendments to the committee amendments, which under Rule 3(B) have priority at General File; 3(B) is under, specifically under the General File portion of the rules, or should the amendments in the order that they are filed be taken first as is also specified in Section 3(B) of the rules, and which one of those should prevail? And I guess at this point tend to agree with the way the Chair has ruled because the, and I can live with either way on it, that's fine. I think this is something that for the future we ought to establish a precedent so that the members all have fair notice of how we handle these in the future and can act appropriately. But I think the question is now we have a committee amendment that has become part of the bill, so, in essence, those amendments to the committee amendments are amendments to the bill. In that case, they ought to be considered in line with other amendments to the bill, and I think that's...those amendments that are first in line are the amendments that ought to be taken up, and I think that's the effect the Chair's ruling will have is that I think those, although it is not specifically stated by the Chair because the Chair didn't have to to make that ruling, but I think those amendments to those new committee amendments now are amendments to the bill and fall into line as amendments to the bill, and we will take those up just in the order that they were filed. If they were filed ahead of amendments to the bill, itself, I think that then they would come up. If they were filed after, they'd come in that order. So with that, I think it preserves that portion of Rule 6, Section 3 that says that the amendments shall be handled in the order that they are filed. At General File, and that's where the problem is, that we don't have a Select File amendment for the...or a Select File rule for the case of cloture, or for use in the case of cloture, but I think this is an appropriate interpretation of the rules and will provide a fair...a fair notice to the members of how their amendments will be handled.