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SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Hall. The main reason I'm speaking is to clarify for myself and perhaps for some of the other members exactly the procedure that we are using here. As I understand from the discussion that we had from Senator Maurstad and the motion that was withdrawn to overrule the Chair is that what we are doing is addressing all of the amendments that are filed directly to the bill, itself, as of this stage.

SENATOR HALL: That is correct.

SENATOR ELMER: And that all of the amendments that were filed to the first and second committee amendments are to be redrafted, refiled, and taken up in the order in which they are refiled.

SENATOR HALL: That is correct.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Before we move on to the next speaker, I'd like to recognize guests of Senator Kristensen. Under the north balcony, they are with Barbara Merryman from Kearney and they are...it is a foreign exchange student, Camilla Targa from Rome, Italy, and her mother, Franca Targa. Would you please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting with us today. The next speaker is Senator Chambers on the Lindsay amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this may come as a surprise to some of my colleagues, but I am kind of in this mix also because we want to see what kinds of items we might be able to come to some kind of meeting of the minds on. Since the amendment in its final form has not yet been brought before us, I want to...oh, I don't see Senator Abboud, I wanted to ask him a question. But, at any rate, I will make a comment or two about some aspects of the amendment. I am going to look at the provision related to how we treat powder cocaine and crack cocaine again. I heard Senator Lindsay touch on that. The way the committee amendment handled the situation was to raise the penalty for possession and whatever else you are going to do with it that makes it a crime of powder cocaine to the artificially inflated level of crack. I am not in favor of the pushing of either one of these drugs, but I do