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change and I would urge you to adopt it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I guess I'm surprised. I just turned my light on. I thought there'd be more discussion on this. I support the rule change. Just to refresh your memory a little bit, this is the rule change that deals with the Legislature's ability to package proposals together for purposes of veto overrides. It just seems to be one of those powers that enhances the Legislature's ability to do business and it preserves pretty much, I think as Senator Will said, the status quo based on how the Chair ruled last session, so I would urge your support.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, what I'll say on some of these changes to make my comments and position a matter of record, first of all, when we talk about packaging for the purpose of overriding, we generally are going to talk about what the Appropriations Committee brings in first, which means that on occasion political deals are struck. And, rather than casting a vote for what might be in the best interest of the state, whether from the standpoint of an economic view or even a social view, those individual decisions cannot be taken, so I am opposed to this particular rules change. I do not believe that because people sit on the Appropriations Committee they are wiser, more intelligent, more moral, or more anything than any of the rest of us. The only position they have that gives them a leg up is by virtue of their membership on that committee and somehow people think that they know more about the subject they deal with than anybody else. But we know, those of us who have been here some time, that expertise in a given area does not determine why somebody is on a particular committee. We also know that there are pressures from lobbyists and special interest groups on members of the Appropriations Committee as that pressure is brought to bear on members of other committees. I do not like the idea of a package being brought in and it's all or nothing. We know, I know anyway, that there are high-powered lobbyists who will put their Christmas tree together and that Christmas tree will be offered in one package and probably votes will be rounded up as their job indicates they should be able to do. They are