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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I hope...

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

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker, members. Point of clarification, Senator Withem.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: This...nothing in this would be to preclude the hearing. Bills would have to have been heard, gone through the regular process before this could possibly occur.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Sure.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I wanted to make clear on that. I know it's implied, but when I first read it I didn't catch the bills and resolutions. But that is in there, so they would have had a hearing, and so there would be nothing in here that you could grab. And if, by chance, you would get a bill and put a new subject matter in, there would probably be a hearing held on that, too, on a new subject matter.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Well, not necessarily, I don't think. Now Senator Kristensen and I were having a conversation here. This provision only deals with how we treat combining of bills. I think nothing in this, either this change or in this rule prohibits a committee's ability, and I think the Appropriations Committee does this fairly frequently, when new items come up you look for a vehicle to deal with it. And when those new items come up that were not necessarily contemplated before, you know, that's still part of our process. And I don't think that is impacted one way or the other by this change.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, thank you.

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

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, Senator