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SENATOR WITEK: In preparing for a bill on the floor, we have found that we have not been aware of some amendments that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Agreed.

SENATOR WITEK: ...that were filed early, on a bill. Even though we have continual contact with the Clerk's Office, and we have access on our computer there is still no way to know unless you would have contact with the filer of the amendment or...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So let me cut you off and ask you this question. So you want this to be a way of notifying...

SENATOR WITEK: That is all.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...everybody that... Well why isn't something... why couldn't something be put in which would indicate that if the amendments are brief they all would be printed. The only ones not printed are those that traditionally have been noted as being on file because of their length.

SENATOR WITEK: That would be fine with me Senator. If you would rather have some notation in there that a certain length, there is a cutoff at a certain length of an amendment that it must be given to the Clerk's Office and underneath that length that it would be printed in the Journal, that would be fine with me as long as there is notice of some sort on the motions and amendments within the Journal that complies with the spirit of this amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and members of the Legislature the reason I am saying it, I think the rule does have validity. But, I would like to see the printing of amendments that are not too extensive. Since it is for the purpose of notice, we would have that understood as what will happen but I don't know whether we can have that understanding based on how the rule is drafted. Based on the way the rule is drafted, let me ask Senator Witek another question. Senator Witek, would there have to be anything in this rule change to empower a legislator to say, I want this amendment printed, and I'm not talking about those that are very lengthy that we traditionally don't print because of their length.