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amendments filed and if you... the only way has been to check with the Clerk. But, I am concerned on this too, what if I would not, deliberately not file, bring these to the attention of anyone, until the day, simply so that if there would be a massive bill, I just hold it and don't print it. Will this solve that.

SENATOR WITEK: That possibility exists right now Senator.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I know it does.

SENATOR WITEK: It will always exist, so I guess if a senator wants to intentionally wants to...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I mean will this just occur more?

SENATOR WITEK: This will not change that whatsoever. If you want to come to the floor with a comprehensive amendment, at the moment before the bill, you are still free to do so. This is more of a courtesy, that I see, for senators who want to bring their amendment within a length of time period that they can. I understand that sometimes it is a very short time period, but that they can, to allow for other senators to be prepared when they come to the floor, it is more of a courtesy amendment, although it will not in any way, if a Senator wants to bring a 50 page amendment to a bill five minutes before a bill hits the floor, there is really nothing that we can do.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You are not intending to go into a draft number or anything like that then?

SENATOR WITEK: No.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I don't know who to ask this question, I would like to ask of the Clerk I guess, are all amendments that are printed have numbers so we could tell if a bill was held or not? Is it proper to get an answer from the Clerk, Mr. Speaker?

SENATOR COORDSEN: M. Clerk.

CLERK: Yes Senator, they either have an AM number because they had been drafted by the Revisor's Office or if it was a handwritten amendment prepared on the floor we would assign it a floor amendment number so they would all have a reference number