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approval by the Executive Board. But the Executive Board, in my experience, which has been several years now, has never stepped in and interfered with the Speaker although they have the power to do so. In the language that we've put in here, we dropped that "and subject to", and I specifically asked that that be dropped and the reason was because I want the Executive Board... I think it's good if the Executive Board takes an active role in this process. The Executive Board, as you know, are the elected members, are the people we elect to represent us. And I have seen as an enormous deficiency in our process, and it's not our fault, it's because of the way things are structured and we're paid so little to do things, but an enormous deficiency in the process is that we don't plan ahead. In the summer and the fall we have our interim hearings, we do that planning, the individual committees, some better, some worse, some years better, some years worse depending on the time and energy that people have to put into it. But you know when that's all over what we never do? We never kind of put it all together, do we? We never get the committee chairs together and say, all right, you've got two or three important things and you've got two or three important things; but, you know, for the people of the state there are really probably five or six things we must get done and we should choose those from among the committee interim studies and all the work that's being done in the summer. We don't do that well. And part of the reason we don't do that well is because we don't have something to draw all that work together at the end and give it focus and give it identification with the public and start working it as a legislative program is what we're doing to make things better for Nebraska. So the Exec Board and the active involvement of the Exec Board I see as big check number one on the Speaker. He can't act alone unless our representatives on the Exec Board want him to act alone. The second major check is the one we always retain to override the motion, the agenda of the Speaker. No matter what he does, no matter what the Exec Board does, if the majority of the people in here want it differently on any particular instance, on any particular bill...if on a particular bill you don't want the Speaker to order amendments...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...we can say so. We can make a motion on this floor. There's no...nothing that gives the Speaker any extraordinary power. If you said, on the other hand, that you