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priority bills.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No. There's nothing in there in that regard.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, so they...these could be...even under the priority bill system, these could be put above every bill that had been named as a senate...by a senator as a priority bill, and it would not do violence to our rules. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It would be violative of the practice, since the rule has been instigated, but not per se of the written rule, right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. So, if the Speaker wanted to say, I'm acting pursuant to the rules, the Speaker could disregard the fact that the Executive Board didn't agree to this special designation, and yet place those five bills ahead of every other bill, and that would not be in violation of any rule that we have. So, what of substance is being done by this rule? Nothing, except...by this rule change, except subdivision (c). Often there will be buried within a lot of verbiage an idea or a concept which is really desired. One reason there has not been strong opposition to the amendments offered by Senator Maurstad is because they don't go to anything. His amendments are attached to language that really doesn't do anything. So, if you take language that doesn't do anything and amend it by language that doesn't do anything, you have not changed anything. Subdivision (a), allowing the Speaker to designate these bills and resolutions, provided there is the approval of the Executive Board, means nothing because that's what the Speaker can do without that approval. Just don't designate them major proposals, but treat them as though they are. Subdivision (b) talks about requiring each committee, provided there is agreement from the committee chair. So that's one of those iffy things with or without any change that actually does not mean anything. Then with reference to taking the action by the committee, that really has no practical significance either, in view of the amendment of Senator Maurstad, which limits the Speaker to selecting bills which had previously been designated priority by a senator. So all of these first three paragraphs in this proposed rule change...in this proposed rule change six mean nothing and do nothing. The only part that does something is subdivision (c) which allows the Speaker to schedule the