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questions. Senator Will, if the Speaker lays out an order of amendments and motions...let's say there would be five amendments and five motions. That order constitutes a package that the Speaker is submitting, doesn't it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: You could look at it that way. I mean, it would imply be the order in which they were taken up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that could be divisible?

SENATOR WILL: I think each individual item could be divisible. I don't know that the entire package could be divisible, if you want to term it a package.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can amendments be offered to those amendments and motions that the Speaker decides are most important?

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And can the Speaker, in turn, schedule those amendments to the amendments and amendments to motions?

SENATOR WILL: I would think, yes. If there were a series of amendments to a specific amendment or motion, the Speaker could determine the order of those as well.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, if somebody offered an amendment, then the Speaker could have other amendments drafted, or others working in cahoots with whoever has a proposal that is to be facilitated by the Speaker, and draft up amendments, and those will be jumped ahead of any other amendment to that amendment or that motion which is being considered. Isn't that true?

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What I want to remind my rural colleagues is that you all are going to have fewer and fewer numbers. And some of what I said with reference to the constituency that I represent can be applied by analogy to you and the representation you provide to your constituency. But it's for you to defend the prerogatives that you feel you bring down here as an elected representative. This, if you adopt it, if you