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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can the Speaker schedule some motion or amendment to be dealt with the following day, for example?

SENATOR WILL: Ah, under this I believe that would be possible, yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, it's possible to schedule every motion and amendment which is offered at a time when it has no practical impact, isn't that correct?

SENATOR WILL: I think the Speaker...what the Speaker could not do is simply take a motion or amendment off. If there was only one motion or amendment left on a bill I think that it would be...it would come up in order at that point.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, you say you think, but under the rule doesn't it say that the Speaker can schedule...

SENATOR WILL: It says that he could...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...as well as set the order.

SENATOR WILL: He could schedule the proposal, but the...and the order of amendments and motions is separate, however.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, we have the proposal schedule and it's before us now. Let's say that we have ten amendments. Can the Speaker schedule any amendment as he chooses? Let's say that there are ten amendments. I have an amendment which has been placed in position number ten. It's slowly moving up. It comes to the Speaker's attention that there's some interest group that doesn't want this amendment considered. And Senator Lynch may not have been alert to some of these things happening on LB 775 and other bills such as that, where these...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...special interest groups did want things considered. Other amendments could be offered and they could all be placed above mine, isn't that correct?

SENATOR WILL: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And mine, in practical terms, may never be