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amendments is given, and let's say there are five amendments. You say that each one of those could be challenged. Let's say he says, this is the order in which these five amendments will be taken. Can a member challenge each one of those so designated, if it's taken out of order. If they're presented in sequence in that way I don't think the question would even arise. But I'm talking about amendments that were taken and placed ahead of amendments that have been filed prior to them. Could a challenge be made individually to each one of those that the Speaker has designated?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I'm not sure if I understand your scenario correctly. But I would say that with respect to any particular motion, whatever is in the motion can be challenged. And whatever the motion does is undone if the challenge prevails.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Here's what I mean. The Speaker doesn't have to make a motion. The Speaker just says, this bill is before us as one of the special priority bills. And this...there are fifteen amendments up here. This is the order in which those amendments will be taken, and he lays out the fifteen. Could I say, I want to challenge number eight having been placed in its position because it has been jumped over, and then I mention whichever amendment it was? Can I challenge the placement of that eighth amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, in my judgement you clearly could not because you can't divide the motion to overrule the Speaker. Whatever you've ruled on, you move to undo. And when you undid it, then you'd be back to the order of amendments as filed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the challenge would have to be made to the entire fifteen-item order that he laid out?

SENATOR BEUTLER: In the event that he laid out fifteen, that would be the...in the event that he ruled on all fifteen, that would be the case, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we were going to challenge the Speaker's agenda for today, would we have to challenge the entire agenda or could we challenge the placement of a specific item on that agenda? Because we can overrule his agenda also.