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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Chambers, I'll yield to you my time at this point so you may continue that discussion.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, here's what I'm trying to get to, Senator Beutler. The Speaker does not make a motion, so it's not our challenging a motion by the Speaker. The Speaker just says, this is the way it's going to be. It's not submitted to us in the form of a motion so that we either vote to accept this order or not. Under the rule, the Speaker just establishes the order in which these motions will be taken. He doesn't make a motion. So he says we have been discussing this bill, we now have fifteen amendments, this is the order in which these amendments are going to be taken. Do you follow me so far?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think so, Senator, but I think maybe I followed your semantics or I miss...misspoke in the sense that I don't think there's any need to talk about a motion. What it is is a ruling, and it's a...and he does make a ruling and a motion to overrule the Chair would be pertinent in my opinion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you're saying that that motion to overrule his order would have to be made at the time the order is announced, and it would have to involve all fifteen...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, again...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...by saying, I move to overrule this order that the Chair established.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's...well, given the premises that you described in our earlier discussion, that would be the case, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now let's say that some of the amendments in that order which the Speaker established, had already been dealt with. Then we come to the fifth...

SENATOR BEUTLER: The Speaker had made a ruling with regard to the order of the amendments that had been filed already.