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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yeah, the Speaker said it's going to be taken in this order.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And the body had said fine to that? Or didn't, didn't move to overrule anyway.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No objection made.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. And four of them were taken.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Than somebody becomes aware of this fifth amendment. And for whatever reason, it could be an objection to what it contains, or maybe the person came in late, but at any rate, somebody wants to object to taking up this amendment at this point and wants to put it back in the order in which it would have occurred had the Speaker not changed it. And let's say that would have been amendment number fifteen in the ordinary order. So that person says, I want to drop this amendment back to the bottom of the list. That motion could not, it would be out of order, in fact, based on your understanding of the operation of this rule. Is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, in effect, there is no way to challenge the order that the Speaker decides on with reference to these amendments and these motions. As has been argued, these bills presumably will be heavy items Union Pacific wants some money, so the Speaker's going to set out the order in which the amendments are going to be taken. There'll be people like me who don't want to give Union Pacific the money. You know that the Speaker is not going to put any of my amendments above those that Union Pacific and those who support Union Pacific would want. And we saw that when we were dealing with Micron. A number of my amendments were not accepted with cordiality. And if there would have been a way to put other people's amendments above them, that would have been done. The only way unpopular amendments can be heard is if we do have an order...