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but it doesn't take just one year, it takes a whole series of years. And the reason is because we don't have focus. This amendment is an attempt to move us towards that focus. We can have five bills, we can have them orderly heard. We can, as a group, with the Exec Board, with the individual members of the committee, choosing individual members' priority bills as it's now defined, we can begin to be what we should be. That's what we're trying to move towards. And, Senator Chambers, this I think is the irony of this debate... Senator Chambers has stood up for this Chamber time after time against the Governor, against the judicial branch, and I think he shares... I think he really shares both the impression and the disappointment that comes from recognizing that our inability to focus results in the weakening of this branch of government. And I believe that Senator Chambers, by opposing this kind of reasonable order, plays into the hands of those who would have the Legislature be nothing, be weak, be unable to resolve and to focus. That's the irony of this debate. What's being asked is not unreasonable. It's very reasonable, it's not radical. And especially with the amendments from Senator Maurstad and others that have been adopted, I think this is worth the experiment. You spent the time on it, you've survived a filibuster on it, I hope that means that the votes are there. I don't know, I'm sure it will be close. I hope you all will give real serious thought at this moment when we've gotten something to a vote as to what you want to say to the public and to each other about this institution and what it can be and what it should be and what, with a little help from you at the right time on rules, you can help make it. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Our list of speakers is Chambers, Senator Beutler, Bernard-Stevens, Will, and Elmer. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler is... is half right and... well, I won't say half right and half wrong, I'll say he... there's a mixture. He's partly right and partly wrong. But since he kept applying the term irony to me, maybe my name should be Senator Irony Chambers because I do use irony on occasion, but it does not exist in the way that Senator Beutler described it this morning. I am strongly in favor of the Legislature assuming the prerogatives of the lawmaking branch and doing what we ought to do as a lawmaking branch, as an institution. We have not done that.