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advance them to the floor, then you would have the power to put them in...in order similar to the way that you used to special order a bill currently?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I think it would just be very clear that I had had the authority to special order these five bills.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay. And then in the debate on the bill, with the ability to designate amendments that are in order of importance, I would assume that all of the amendments filed would be considered to be placed in order, and that the Speaker, under this rule, would consider all of the amendments filed given enough time and debate before a cloture motion or a similar motion such as that.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, I would not be able to arbitrarily rule an amendment out of order, as I understand this. I would be able to pick the order in which amendments that had been filed would be taken up. Given enough time, all amendments would be considered. It's just this would just affect the order in which they'd come up.

SENATOR ELMER: So following how this bill would be considered then, if, in fact, it was a very controversial issue and the bill was debated for eight hours or more, and the body did invoke cloture and did advance it to Select File, and all of the amendments that had been filed, no matter what they said, would follow that bill then to Select File for consideration at that point, isn't that true?

SPEAKER WITHEM: That would be the case, as I'd understand it.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay. And then on Select File we would have the same opportunity to consider all of these amendments that have been offered, no matter who offered them or what they said, isn't that true?

SPEAKER WITHEM: That would be the case, yes.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay. Then I would submit to the body that every amendment that anybody would want to offer would have over those sixteen-plus hours, even if cloture were invoked in both Select File position and in Select File...or General File and Select File positions, that we would have ample opportunity to