

of the Exec Board. They are all revisions. None of these did we have to spend thousands of dollars to have a specialist to come in and do so. None of these had to be referenced to another committee for a hearing, and it is a committee priority bill, just like every other bill that we have that a committee has a priority bill. And I would look at all the other committee chairmen out there and say, look at your committee priority bills. Are they going to come up in the regular order, or is this one...are you going to have a special privilege on special ordering? The fact of the matter is if Senator Bohlke wants to have this bill done, she can have it as the committee priority bill, she can take it as a priority bill this session herself, if she wants to. This bill is not that important to be special ordered, and that's what the Speaker said this morning. He's special ordering these bills. My point being the following, if anyone doubts the Speaker does not have the ability to special order any bill he wants, this today shows he can, and in the debates that we had on the rules, people that are saying we need to give the Speaker more power, he's already got it. But to take a bill that is of little importance, just because it's a large bill that's already a committee priority bill, and put it on a special order, I see no reason for it. And so, consequently, that's why I pointed to the objection. If I would have really wanted to harass the Speaker, I would have...I would have brought it to a vote and had major debate. On the final point, I do want to say this, Senator Withem, yes, I withdrew the motion because I wanted people to know I was not serious on bringing it to a vote, but I also knew that you would have the time to respond on the bill. So to suggest that I was not giving you a time to respond is, I think, an insult to my intelligence and everyone else's because every one knows that you can debate on the bill. If there'd been a point that you would not have been able to debate the bill, you know I have always been fair, I would have given you the chance and that type of argument is nonsense, bogus, and I resent it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Bohlke. Seeing no further discussion, Senator Bohlke to close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I'll waive.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 900. All