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this particular rule that was adopted just last year does not serve this body. I voted against it a year ago, and I haven't changed my mind. The ostensible purposes for the rule can be met with other means. Now, it means that we have to work at it and, as individual members, we have to understand the rules and we would have to use the rules for our advantage. Senator Chambers tries to use the rules on occasion for his advantage. We should learn the same thing. We shouldn't attempt to do what we did last year and in effect give ourselves a little kind of safe haven, as I think what we thought we were doing, instead of using our own skills. We know how to file amendments. We know how to make sure that those amendments are in the proper order and that they can be considered so that we have an appropriate debate on a subject. And I am reluctant to turn over the authority to anyone to decide whether I have an important amendment to a bill and whether or not it should be considered. I am proprietary. I think if I'm going to offer an amendment, it's going to be a good amendment and it's entitled to take its chances in accordance with the rules and, quite frankly, I don't want anyone, whether they are three responsible people or not, to decide whether my amendment gets considered. That's up to me. It's up to me to make sure that it shows up at the right time in the scheduling. It's up to me to make sure that I have a rationale and I present the rationale for that amendment. And I will reiterate that I believe on this occasion that Senator Chambers is right that this amendment does not serve our best interest and believe that we should repeal it.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers, to speak to your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, remember this is a one-house legislature. If a bad bill gets through here because people are angry with me, or a particular special interest group has been able to twist enough arms and get it through, there is no second house to correct that problem. I have been referred to by some people as the second house of this Legislature. I read. I study. I know the law. I understand the constitution. I've argued and won cases in the Nebraska Supreme Court. I worked with lawyers in presenting the case, constructing it, creating the legislative history that makes it possible for all of you all to get expense checks,