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it's necessary for me to go through a long, involved argument to get people to read what the words are in the rule book, then to get agreement that we ought to accept those words as meaning what they say. But since that is not going to be done, with all the other things that I do I'm going to add paying attention to the rules and what we do when we try to change them. Would, if my amendment be adopted, the Revenue Committee subsume the Appropriations Committee, or would the Appropriations Committee subsume the Revenue Committee? If they are two different interests, if each committee serves a different interest, which...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is going to prevail? If one person cannot serve two masters, can two masters, each of whom considers himself or herself to be a master, be prevailed upon to give up some of that mastership to this other one and become no longer a master? Not likely, so one is going to overcome the other. One is going to predominate and the other is going to become the subordinate. Now maybe when we're dealing with the Appropriations Committee and the Revenue Committee people can see that because they take seriously what those two committees do. Well, I take seriously what every committee of this Legislature does and I take seriously the structure of the Legislature. While discussing this amendment that I've offered, I'm going to talk about some other aspects of what it is we're doing, but I wanted it to be clear, as clear as I could make it, what the amendment I'm offering...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...would do.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, on the Chambers amendment to the amendment by the Rules Committee to the permanent rules.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Lieutenant Governor Maurstad, members of the Legislature, I think we're to the crux of the problem now and maybe we need to focus and really get to the central debate. Senator Chambers' amendment is not serious, of course. It's for