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SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have been listening to the arguments, and so many of the arguments aren't really about our structure, they're about making some sort of a statement about how what we feel is the most important economic basis in our state. This is about how efficiently and effectively we do our job, it's not about making a statement. And I believe that the Rules Committee has really looked at what we should be doing to make ourselves the most effective and efficient organizational operation that we can. I've heard a lot about bills that...that may...that should have been referenced to the Agriculture Committee, or at least in some people's minds issues that were...that meant to us that this is the important basis, the ethanol issues. But none of those issues came through the Agriculture Committee. And I do believe it is a numbers game; I do believe it is about how much...how many bills a committee has to deal with and whether there are some logical ways that we can streamline the process or make it more effective or make it more efficient. And I believe that the Rules Committee has worked very hard to come up with a proposal that is going to help us better do our work, and it is about us, it's not about making a statement. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I just want to ask Senator Chambers a question, if I may.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Chambers, this amendment we're dealing with now is still the one that merges the Appropriations Committee with the Revenue Committee and makes it a 15-member committee, is that right?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you. I think maybe I'll not support that amendment, and I think maybe that Senator Chambers is not