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other committee out of the fray. For example, in Education, looking at the budget situation, it may well be that there needs to be or there ought to be a bill introduced to cut state aid to schools, for example. But if I can just sit back and not do that, it would be an unpopular thing, particularly from my position, just sit back and let the Appropriations Committee do it and take the heat, probably that's what I'd do. So I'm worried about the implications of this for taking pressure off of every other committee and every member who is not on the Appropriations Committee in dealing with the crisis situation that we face. I'm more than happy to allow Senator Wehrbein time to respond to that, although I see he's got his light on. So with that, I'll stop. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I fear maybe we're starting to make this a bigger rule change than it really is. This rule change is to...is designed, as I understand it, simply to facilitate and to anticipate expectations and to be sure that everything does get on the table that either a subject-matter committee or the Appropriations Committee may want to have on the table. And I think we would all agree that never ever in our history, at least since the Second World War, has it been...could you make a stronger case for being sure that we consider everything. Senator Raikes indicated that the other committees would be taken out of the fray. That's not so whatsoever. Under the proposal, once a bill was introduced by the Appropriations Committee, it would still go back to the subject-matter committee for a hearing. The hearing wouldn't be in front of the Appropriations Committee. It would still be the subject-matter committee's job to decide whether to put that forward or not. But they would do it then in the context of knowing that the Appropriations Committee, at least temporarily, would like to see that item included in the budget. If the subject-matter committee still rejects it, that's its prerogative. And for new members and simply to remind committee Chairmen, remember this: There is absolutely nothing in our rules that requires you to schedule a bill for hearing before the last day of the session. So if the Appropriations Committee