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been happening. Now I'd also like to point out, on page 17 of your rule book, under Special Committees, Section 5(c)(ii), there is some new language that was added some time in the mid-fifties, I'm not sure exactly when, and it says the Exec Board is authorized to exercise jurisdiction over legislative bills and resolutions and hold hearings regarding such legislation when the issue presented by the Legislature...by the legislative bill or resolution is one of general import to the Legislature and its operations as a whole. Now what does that mean? That could mean anything. Any bill that comes before the Legislature is of general import to the Legislature, in my estimation. And so what I am proposing to you today is that we add a little bit of language to our rules, and that we cross out that section that I just read to you and, rather, that we go over to where the Reference Committee is and we add the language that's existing...we add to the language that's existing this: "The Reference Committee shall refer to itself only those bills or resolutions which involve the internal operations of the Legislature as a whole or those which involve litigation or potential litigation wherein the Legislature or some of its members are parties thereto. Bills or resolutions which involve any..

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...other branch of government or which involve issues of the public shall not be considered to be internal operations." In other words, I don't think it's an internal operation when you're talking about the State Auditor bill. I think that involves two different branches of government, and I think it belongs properly in the Government Committee. Now I'm sure there are people who will disagree with my take on this issue. I do think it ought to be aired and I do think that we ought to have a resolution by the whole body if we're going to go down this line. If we're going to go down this line, I'd like to know where it stops. And does it involve just the Government Committee, or does it involve other committees and other issues? I don't know and I guess I would like to hear that discussion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the