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opening on the Schimek amendment to Rule 3, Section 4(e)(i). Open for discussion on that amendment offered by Senator Schimek. Senators Chamber (sic), Beutler, Smith, Engel. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, first of all, we should be clear on what it is we're discussing. Functioning as the Reference Committee is a role of the Executive Board. The Reference Committee does not hold hearings. The Executive Board would be the one that conducts these hearings. The Executive Board does not refer any bills to the Reference Committee. The Executive Board, functioning as the Reference Committee, refers bills to the Executive Board. So I don't want you to confuse an activity of the Executive Board with the Executive Board itself. You'll notice in the provision of the rule that Senator Schimek put before you it says the Executive Board shall constitute the Reference Committee. The Executive Board remains that body which functions when we're not in session, that takes care of the administering of certain activities pertaining to the Legislature. But before I proceed, I want to ask Senator Schimek a question about the language in her proposed amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Schimek, to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Schimek, while you approach the mike, I want to say that your cartoon I thought was very humorous and it gave me an idea for a rhyme, which...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in days to come may wind up on your desks. But now that you're here, would you look in next to the last line,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...when it says "any other branch or government."