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of that committee too, Senator Engel's committee. We do the performance audits and a bill has been submitted that will be referenced tomorrow that deals exclusively with changes to the Program Evaluation Committee, or the performance evaluation committee, of the Legislature. So should the Executive Board send one of those performance evaluation bills to Government and keep the other one in the Executive Board because it deals only internally with Executive Board...with legislative matters, or should both of those be heard together? Well, right or wrong, it was the decision of the Executive Board to hear them together because what you do with one you won't want to do with the other, or you may want to blend them together. There are a whole array of different ways of putting those two things together, but they probably should be considered and constructed by the same group of people. Otherwise, you get up here on the floor and you may have two bills going in different directions on the same subject matter. We try to do that generally in terms of referencing bills when they have no relationship to the Executive Board, but there is a dispute between...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...two other committees. We try to keep things together that we know are part of the same debate, same discussion. It's hard to do sometimes. Maybe we didn't make the right judgment on these two bills, but I don't think that it deserves a motion on the floor to change the basic fundamental rules with regard to Exec Board review of referencing of legislation. And if that should be more deeply considered, certainly it can be proposed to the Rules Committee and we can do a further study of that matter this year and over the interim. But if the regret or if the problem is with a specific reference and there's just one or two things that are the problem, then I think a motion to the body asking for a majority opinion on the correct referencing of the bill, under our rules, is the way to go. So I would encourage you to reject this particular proposal. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Mr. Clerk, are there any announcements or messages?