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been compelled that we may need to make some adjustments in the language, but actually what Senator Chambers' argument just was, to me, is exactly the argument for something like this. The initial operations of the Executive Committee as a committee hearing bills was, I believe, the exception, and now we are moving it into being more of a rule where there are more and more examples of it happening. And I don't think that the things that have been cited are, the individual bills are, that problematic. As Senator Beutler said, we do have a way of dealing with particular bills and getting them rereferenced. And so it's not...it is not so much the examples as it is the trend. I believe that the trend started with some particular circumstances that had to do with the legal issues between the Legislature and another branch of government, and a particular circumstance where the Exec Board very rightly needed to be involved because it was about the Legislature itself. But I think that there has been a move towards an assumption by the Exec Board of bills that most rightly go to the subject-matter committee. And maybe I'm on a theme today, but I do think that there should be some objectivity about it and that there should be a structure that the presumption should always be that if there is a subject-matter committee and, unless there is a very strong, compelling reason that it has to be done through the Exec Board, the presumption should be that it is done through the subject-matter committee. That's the way we are structured. The Exec Board is not structured to handle bills on a regular basis. And so I believe that Senator Chambers' argument about exceptions actually argues in favor of something like what is before you, but I have also been...I also believe that what Senator Beutler said about the role, in the same way that I believe that the role of the subject-matter committees is important, I think the role of the Rules Committee is important, and I think that probably the more appropriate way to do this is to have the Rules Committee look at it. Obviously, we have some concerns about some of the language that is put forward, but I strongly support the underlying philosophy of maintaining the integrity of our structure and of the subject-matter committees. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Beutler.