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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Gotcha.

SENATOR TYSON: In essence, does this mean that the Reference Committee, or the Executive Committee acting as Reference Committee, can bypass the hearing?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, because when we conduct hearings the section of the rules that give the Executive Board that authority says that our hearings will be conducted in accord with, and it makes a reference to the rules that determine how hearings have to be conducted.

SENATOR TYSON: Okay, so I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So there is...

SENATOR TYSON: ...I cannot draw the inference then, from what I read in that, that we could refer it directly to the General File in lieu of referring it to, say, the Government Committee or Judiciary Committee or whatever.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I see what you're asking. You're not asking if we conduct a hearing do we have to follow rules. You're asking does there have to be a hearing, period. Based on this language, we can refer bills directly to General File. And we do what we call Revisor bills; we handle them in that manner.

SENATOR TYSON: I understand that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And we could handle other bills in that manner also...

SENATOR TYSON: So...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...based on this language.

SENATOR TYSON: ...my...then would you say that my conclusion is valid that we could adopt Senator Schimek's amendment and still do what we damn please?