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situation you're in right now. I would not be able to answer your question definitively enough, I'm speculating, to help you establish your position. So that's a very long answer to a long question but, nonetheless, I believe that it is each of the 49 members' prerogative. I was scolded on General File by Senator Beutler for filing amendments and, for Pete's sake, looking like a filibuster when it certainly wasn't. I think that was my second time.

SENATOR VRTISKA PRESIDING

SENATOR VRTISKA: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You may continue, Senator Smith, on your own time.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska and members. It's important to point out that the legislative process, flawed it might be, there might be some criticisms for how things are done in here. That's not the discussion here today and it's not for me to decide that. However, we have a process here. And I know Senator Schimek has worked on this issue for four years. There are several other issues in here that have been worked on for several more years than that, and I'd be happy to discuss those right now. But those have had illegitimate amendments filed, delaying tactics, and here we have a legitimate amendment, AM2599, that says there ought to be a local vote and somehow there are a few members offended by the fact that it should be considered because I'm probably not going to vote to advance LR 14CA to the ballot. And I think it's important to note that. And when I was scolded on General File for delaying because I spoke two or three times, I actually thought it was quite entertaining to get scolded like that but it did offend me just a little bit that all of a sudden we were out of line for speaking a couple of times and offering some very legitimate debate and I think some very legitimate amendments to a bill that I...I mean I have the vote tally here, the roll call on the advancement from General File to Select. And I would speculate, I mean it's an issue that could be debatable, obviously, but I