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such as some of them that we've had to ask to have rereferenced this year, it's clearly understood that those are Government Committee bills. And it's not that we need more bills in Government Committee. We usually have a pretty full agenda. I don't mean that. And the other issue that I haven't mentioned is that the Exec Board is somewhat handicapped in the hearings that it can have, because they have to have them over the noonhour, and they have to be done fairly quickly. And I know, sometimes when I've had bills before the Exec Board, you know, it's really a rushed affair, from my perspective, because I'm rushing around, as are the Executive Committee members, who are missing their lunch hour. The public has to come in over their lunch hour, which is maybe not that big a deal. Maybe they'd rather come in over their lunch hour than other times. I don't know that. But I think standing committees are better equipped to hear these different issues than is a committee which does not have a regular place on the hearings agenda. But having said that,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...again, I'm not going to fight the fact that there are some bills that are going to Exec Board. I just want it to be a lot clearer, and I want the Exec Board to maybe take a little bit more time with some of these issues, if they possibly can. So anyway, I appreciate Senator Smith's remarks, and I think that he understands the frustration that the committee has had from time to time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Beutler, followed by Senators Brown, Janssen, Erdman, and Engel.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I think a debate of this nature is always helpful, to help us see our own processes and put in perspective our own processes. The seeking of clarity is always something that we should seek for. The difficulty in this instance...and I'm rising in support of the current law. The difficulty in this instance is that Senator Schimek seeks a degree of clarity that simply cannot be. The basic, fundamental reason why it cannot be is because each of our committees does not have, in our rules, a