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makes rules and regulations for environmental issues. I'm thinking of livestock facilities, of emissions from manufacturing facilities. We have the Game and Parks Commission, who makes rules and regulations. And so if there's...the green copy, any senator that objected to any of these rules and regulations could bring the issue forward, but under the amendment only the chairperson of the committee or the sponsor of the original legislation could bring that issue forward. Is that correct?

SENATOR BOURNE: That's correct. When an agency proposes...well, just to go back a little bit, 30 days prior to the public hearing or at the time the agency applies for the waiver of a public hearing, the agency has to provide a laundry list of information. Okay. Then, when an agency proposes a rule, they must forward to the Exec Board the information provided in that laundry list that they have to provide to the Governor. The Exec Board, though, shall then forward that information to the chairperson of the standing committee and the member of the Legislature who was the primary sponsor of the bill, if applicable. And the reason that's in there is, because of term limits, they might not be able to do that. Any member of the Legislature who feels aggrieved may then file a complaint with the Chair of the Exec Board stating specifically what their complaint is. The Chair of the Exec Board then refers that on to the standing committee, and if the standing committee feels the complaint has merit, the committee can request a response from the agency and the agency must respond within 60 days. But I do want to point out to you, in Senator Fischer's amendment, the one we're discussing now that I support, on the last page it says, nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the adoption or promulgation of the rule or reg in accordance with other sections of the Administrative Procedures Act. So again, all this does is provide oversight where the Legislature is actually looking at a proposed rule or reg, and they can object that it doesn't meet legislative intent. But it doesn't stop the rule-making process from going forward.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Okay. So the rule-making process can go forward while all this is being contemplated.