

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would like to have the Chair clarify something about his ruling please.

SENATOR HALL: Sure.

SENATOR WILL: When you refer to the bill, we are referring, I assume, to the bill in the form that it has come down to us...

SENATOR HALL: In the E & R amendment.

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SENATOR HALL: That is correct.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you very much. I certainly agree with Senator Lindsay that this is something that is not addressed directly by the rules as they stand right now, and, certainly, I think it is something that merits considerable discussion among the Rules Committee and, subsequently, by the members of the Legislature. I think certainly the first set of committee amendments is not before us. I don't think there is any way you can make an argument that amendments to those should retain their place. I think the argument here would be whether amendments to the second set of committee amendments, which ultimately became part of what we now have in front of us as the bill, would fall in order in the order that they were filed, and I think that's where the argument probably would occur, at least in my mind. I certainly would also stand supporting the ruling of the Chair. I think it is very important that we do, barring clarification in our rules, have some precedent as to what order amendments should be taken up in, and I think the properly drafted amendments to this version of the bill are those that should go to the head of the line. So with that, I would support the ruling of the Chair.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Coordsen, your light is next.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to indicate my support for the ruling of the Chair, and would share with you that I intend to carry on at great length in support of my position, and having accomplished my position, Mr. Chair, I would like to yield the rest of my time to Senator Maurstad.