

on that or any other study resolution? I guess I am confused on that. If you could enlighten us, I would appreciate it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: There are a couple of different types of resolutions, Senator Wesely, and I think, in all fairness, the line of delineation between those types of resolutions is not always clear. But, of course, for regular interim studies we do a number of different things. They all come to the Referencing Committee and we send them out to the different substantive committees and, basically, they make their decision, as you know, as to which ones they are going to study and which ones they are not. Some of them that we consider important we keep with the Executive Board and work with the different committees or give additional resources to the different committees. The Executive Board under the statutes is supposed to try to determine which things are more important than others and allocate some resources. In addition to that particular process, the Executive Board under the statutes has the duty and the obligation to call together special committees whenever in its opinion it feels that a particular situation calls for a special committee of one type or another. Under that statute, it has subpoena...it can give a committee subpoena powers, it can give a committee additional resources. This particular resolution that was put to us today, I assume that it is a normal kind of interim study resolution but it is not really that. I mean, it's been presented as that but it is not really that. It is really a special committee kind of resolution. And if we want to do what Senator Warner wants to do, we can next week, as he suggested, under the authority of the statute, under the authority that the Legislature previously gave to the Exec Board, put into effect precisely the kind of committee that is suggested in that resolution, with subpoena powers, with whatever Senator Warner and the committee think is appropriate. We don't need the Legislature to approve it. Normally...I think the precedent with the Commonwealth Committee was that the Legislature did approve it because we knew there were going to be significant resources eaten up by that committee and they wanted legislative approval. Likewise with this one, if we get really involved in it, it might be a lot of our resources and we will need to make a decision as to whether we want to spend the resources here or spend them for the ag problem or spend them for something else. But, have I answered your question?