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that it's a good practice to encourage that particular process. And, in considering the matter, considering how I actually think it would work, I would like to ask Senator Coordsen a couple of questions just so I'm clear on intent, to begin with.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Coordsen, will you respond?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: First of all, with regard to the referencing process, Senator, it says that the chairperson of the Executive Board or a committee staff member of the board shall refer materials to the different Standing Committees. Now I guess my first question is, I assume you mean when you say committee staff you mean that the committee staff would not operate independently but would be at the direction of the chairperson of the Executive Board?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes, Senator Beutler, that is the intent.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And, secondly, is it your intent that the chairperson, himself or herself, would fully execute this provision or would it operate like our regular referencing procedure and go to the Executive Board, as a whole, for a decision as to which committee has the proper subject matter jurisdiction?

SENATOR COORDSEN: The intent of this, Senator Beutler, since most of these types of hearings, certainly those that are held to implement legislation, are at some point in time after the effective date of that particular statute so that the intent of this legislation is that the chairperson or the committee counsel or a selected committee staff person shall refer this particular notice to the Standing Committee that has subject matter jurisdiction over the issues.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Or which has traditionally handled the same.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So it would vary from our bill referencing process in the sense that the chairperson, himself or herself, would make the decision, not the committee as a whole?

SENATOR COORDSEN: That is the intent of Section 2, yes,