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on all future hearings, to set them at 1:00. The chairman may overlook it unless somebody has some objections, I would like to suggest to the clerk that on all future hearings before any committee, he would set the hearing at 1:00.

PRESIDENT: Well, is there any discussion of that, are there any objections to, Senator Snyder?

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President and members of the body, not an objection as such, but I am thinking that, Senator Carpenter, we on the Committee on Committees have seemingly, constantly run into conflicts with our sessions. Now, I know we have several more appointees that we are going to have to have before us. I am not opposing it, I am just wondering if we can't have some provision, whereby, at least the Chairman of the Committee on Committees is contacted prior to the date of setting of a hearing because it is awfully embarrassing for us to, as representatives of the Legislature, to have a governor of appointees scheduled to testify and then have a hard difficulty in getting a bare quorum of seven of the thirteen of us. Now, there may be some other committees that are experiencing this difficulty. I know rules, of course, has meetings quite often. I think that it is very important that we coordinate our efforts here but I am sure that it is an embarrassment upon the Legislature, and I am sure that the people who come before these committees sometimes wonder what type of a circus that we are running, if something like this occurs so can we have, if nothing else, maybe Senator Carpenter, we could set up the Executive Board to where all of these things are coordinated to where we don't constantly try to attend three meetings at once.

PRESIDENT: Any further... Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature on Senator Snyder, I was talking to Senator Barnett, were you talking about these confirmations before the Committee on Committees?

PRESIDENT: Senator Snyder?

SENATOR SNYDER: Yes, but I am speaking of the necessity of the coordination, especially in view of the Committee on Committees but sometimes we have as many as three meetings in one week, and if we are going to be having other meetings, I think that we have got to find some way to coordinate these that where we are not running into conflicts to where in a couple of cases the Committee on Committees have been a few minutes late in getting started because of a lack of a quorum.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I just wanted to be sure that I was adjusting myself to the issue. I think that the Chairman, I would make a suggestion to him that some of these non-controversial appointments be all collected together and then we just run them through, because very seldom is anybody interested in taking testimony from these individuals. They are not really prepared to give a discussion because they know that it is not necessary. Then we can have one session and consider a lot more appointees than we have been doing, because I don't see the point in getting together to consider three or four or five appointees when we are not going to really consider them very closely.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Proud, and then Senator Whitney.