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Republicans and 9 Democrats and I am chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee and you do not get elected.....

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by a political party under those circumstances. Governor Ronald Reagan said I'm pleased to get that answer, no one's ever explained it that good. Now, I've visited in Iowa, I've visited in Arizona, I've visited in Texas, I've visited in South Dakota, North Dakota, Nevada, Colorado, many states in the Legislature in the past 20 years and if you don't think it's interesting, particularly in the last three, four, five years, since I've had the title of Senator Kennedy to be invited to a Republican caucus in Iowa, in California or in some other state that is political and very political but to be invited to a Republican caucus and then be invited to a Democrat caucus in the same legislative bodies or in the senate or in the house and listen to that conversation. If I could play the tape, no one in the State of Nebraska would ever vote to make this Body a partisan Legislature. I think it's great that we try and I say try, we don't always succeed to represent the people. And we cannot blame the other house, we cannot blame the other party and if any one of you senators can visualize some politician standing behind me telling me what to do, you will understand. I would not be told by any politician whether it's Democrat or Republican, I think we should very, very seriously consider what we are doing. Because the people do not know. They think we need political leadership in this Body, maybe we need leadership but political leadership we do not need. Each one of us try to represent our people the best we can. No politics, no partisan and I think we ought to hold it that way and I think we ought to be watching that the people are informed correctly. It's not political and it shouldn't be. Thank you.

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: I move we recess until 2:00 o'clock. Signed, Senator Duis.

PRESIDENT: We have a motion to recess until 2:00 o'clock. Is there any other business to come before the Body? Do we have all the reports read in.

CLERK: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT: All right. Before we recess, the Chair would like to call attention to the fact that we have 50 citizens from Northeast Nebraska here today from up in the Norfolk area and we're delighted to have you here. They're from Senator Kennedy's district primarily up there. We're glad to have you as visitors here to the Nebraska Unicameral. We're going to recess it sounds like until 2:00 o'clock this afternoon. If you'll come back, we'll have some more action. Senator Syas, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SYAS: I want to know why we can't amend that to 1:30.