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brought into being here in changing our statutes, the system that we have used, and it has worked in the Legislative Executive Board, is approved. In the off-year, or the year that we still have bills that are resting in committee those bills of course have great importance as in the field of revenue which your committee has. It is felt that these bills, by being in the committee and placed there during the seven or eight months that we have to study them, that we could get more into the meat of the material that we're looking for and there could be a broad study. So the Judiciary Committee has been doing this in the past years. I know Public Works Committee has been very active in this area. The Revenue Committee has bills now in the committee that are going to have to have public hearings. Senator Burrows has some bills that it will be necessary that the studies be conducted. We have several meetings on his bills alone. So the Education Committee, all committees have bills that are still in their committees. It is the feeling of the Executive Board that since those bills are there the committee, the chairman, will from time to time announce meetings, announce people who are coming down that are both proponents and opponents of the measures. We can gain from this. We can gain from this that there will be more information so that we can either move those bills out of the committee and onto this floor, or some of these bills might be indefinitely postponed. I think this is good. It's an on-going program. I think it strengthens the committee system in this Legislature. I am pleased and happy to say that we expect and hope that the chairmen and the committee members will continue this practice of seeing that bills that they have in committees or other subject matters that are of prime importance ... for instance malpractice, these are the areas that will be coming into focus. There's new topics every day across the nation that spring up. State's have to meet the challenge. I'm sure that this Legislature, through the committee system and a strong committee system, can handle that. I hope that answers your question, Senator Carsten.

CLERK: Mr. President, there will be placed in the Journal letters from the Secretary of State acknowledging receipt of 259 and 259A. That's all Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hasebroock.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Could I direct a question to Senator Mahoney?

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes Mr. President.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: I just heard your explanation and I think this would be satisfactory. This ... the Retirement Committee comes under that same category. We are a special committee as you know.