

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature for the reasons given by Senator Luedtke I would support the number one change and I would not support any of the balance of the recommendations. I will not take any more time at this time but I believe it's important that we divide the question.

PRESIDENT: Well, we are considering only amendment number one here. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: My question is twofold and it relates to the idea of the assignment of these memberships and I'm curious as to how these seven member committees coming out of three districts are going to work. We're going to have thereby a predominance in three of our committees that are seven member committees and I would wonder how the exec board in arriving at this would come by this. We're going to create an imbalance in one district or another on at least three of those committees and I wonder if Senator Carsten might ex...clarify how that will happen.

PRESIDENT: We're a....Senator Murphy, we're trying to confine this to paragraph one.

SENATOR MURPHY: Fine, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body I rise to support the recommendation that we're speaking to which is one. There are a number of us who attended a considerable number of meetings. The resolution is sponsored by Senator Newell and myself to review all organizations of this body in terms of standing committees, select committees, special committees. It is unfortunate that many of you did not take advantage that was yours to be at those meetings but many times they are in the evening and I realize there are some conflicts but I believe that if we are indeed going to have a Speaker in this body that is more than a titular or title that we should give him certain types of powers. I concur with Senator Luedtke that many times on travel vouchers it's much more convenient for him because he does receive the mail directly from those types of governmental entities outside the the State of Nebraska. There is nothing wrong with the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee because I serve on that under the chairmanship of Senator Stoney. There is nothing meant against the leadership or the direction of the Committee but it is rather cumbersome for us to meet occasionally under the balconies. That type of thing to make a determination whether or not a travel order should be allowed or not be allowed. Not only that, when this Committee appoints others to various types of committees outside of the State of Nebraska, that also sometimes is difficult and I would disagree with Senator Clark that the Speaker would put me on telecommunications and if he did, I would assure you Senator Clark that I would do everything in my power to become familiar with telecommunications and its complexities and I would endeavor to attend those meetings in good faith and I would want you to know that my interests transcends education. I think I'm able to comprehend most of the issues on this floor as well as most people do. So, what we're attempting to do is to give the