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and give you a chance to review them prior to the time you go into a hearing for questioning purposes. It will also give many of you an opportunity to become familiar with the various Commissions and Agencies, what their role and function is, and I agree with Senator Chambers, many times these people being appointed have a great deal of responsibility to the state and to the members thereof and the citizens in this state. But often-times the Committee on Committees gives it a very perfunctory treatment, and merely takes a brush over it and says, amen, we'll go to the floor and we'll recommend to that august body there that we are in favor unanimously, and if you were to ask many of the members of the Committee on Committees exactly the background of this person that you were going to support this morning, virtually all of us would have very little information or background. So either we adopt Senator Newell's amendment at 30 votes, or we adopt this proposal with 30 votes, and make sure something happens here this morning that's positive, and give this committee some stature, and when there is a confirmation we know it's a confirmation in good faith. I ask for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are now speaking to the Koch amendment. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to...Senator Murphy do you wish to speak to the Koch amendment? Senator Fowler, do you wish to speak to the Koch amendment?

SENATOR FOWLER: Well I guess I had a question as to the exact language of the Koch amendment. Could the Clerk read it again?

CLERK: (Read the Koch amendment as shown on Page 277 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR FOWLER: I guess the concern that I would have if...well, if we adopt the Koch amendment, I think this rule change should go back to the Rules Committee to look at the question of the makeup of committees if, in fact, as Senator Koch suggested earlier that people can serve on the Committee on Committees on Wednesday and then not have a regular standing committee assignment that would mean rearranging committee memberships considerably. That's one consideration. I do think there are other sections that refer to standing committees and other things where we would have to make changes. So I...although I can see what Senator Koch is trying to do, it simply can't be done with just this amendment to the Newell rule change, and several other sections of the rules would have to be modified in order to make this possible. The mathematics of rearranging the committee membership I'm not even sure how that would work, because we do have certain three-day committees that meet Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I don't know if we could make