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those two-day committees, or exactly what. Unless the Committee on Committees would meet after standing committees, I think this would create a lot of complicating problems that should be looked at before we adopt it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol, do you wish to speak to the Koch amendment? The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Koch, I don't object to your idea of making the Committee on Committees a standing committee, however, as Senator Fowler was bringing out, the mathematics of changing this would have to be done, because if we just created another committee on Wednesdays, it would interfere with each committee that met Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, each committee that met Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It would also interfere with all committees that met on Wednesday only. So, were you suggesting really that we rearrange the entire system of the committees?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you wish to respond to the question?

SENATOR KOCH: To answer your question, Senator Nichol, yes. Senator Newell and I worked at great length during the last session of the Legislature trying to rearrange the standing committees. This body dealt with that about five minutes. They were so hurried to get home. What indirectly this would do would go back to some things that we talked about in those sessions we had. This is not impossible. You merely cut down some of your other committees, add another committee on Wednesday.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you, Senator Koch. That's exactly right. It is not insurmountable. It can be done, and I don't have any objection to that if that's what you are intending to do. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly, do you wish to speak to the Koch amendment?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, this is a straightforward solution to a problem. We're stating by this vote that the purpose of the Koch amendment and the purpose of the legislative action is to make the Committee on Committees a standing committee, thereby having a specific time to meet. We're further stating that it would be on a Wednesday. This does not become definitive of exactly what's going to happen on the makeup of the other committees,