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that they would have to look at. If there is a conflict between the subject matter, now in this case there may not be, but if there is a conflict between the subject matter of the committee and the tradition, we did not really indicate which would take priority. In this case I guess there wouldn't be a conflict to that. I would hate to right now make a specific ruling on a specific bill but the concept would be that the Executive Board should look at the description of the committee and should look at the history as to reference in making its decision and that other extraneous issues should not be considered in that decision.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Chairman, can we ask questions about any of the rules that were read at this time?

SENATOR CLARK: As far as I am concerned, yes.

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Fowler, a question, on page 8, Section 5 (c), why did the committee choose to have just a simple three members to call meetings of the committee?

SENATOR FOWLER: As opposed, well....

SENATOR MARESH: Why not have a majority so you could conduct business? How do you know you will have a majority at the meeting if only three people can call a meeting?

SENATOR FOWLER: Well, it could very well be that there would not be a majority at the meeting, in which case no business could take place. This is, I think, would be an extraordinary circumstance when three members would choose to call a committee together because the chairman had not called the committee. The three members could not get together and conduct business because if it was only those three there wouldn't be a quorum. It also very specifically says that it must follow notice proceedings so that the full committee is notified and so that you can't have a sneak session or something like that, that all the committee members would be notified and there would be proper public notice.

SENATOR MARESH: But wouldn't it be better to notify a majority of the committee members that this will take place and have the majority ahead of time before you conduct business? In other words you might be calling a meeting that would be useless because you wouldn't have a majority