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consideration from the Legislature. There is a great deal of confusion on their part because each of our different committees has a little bit different way of operating, and I can tell you from having gone through these model rules basically in trying to construct them originally we tried to simply put into writing what our different committees are presently doing. There was no intention to foist upon the Legislature any new system at all. So we tried to put it in writing but at different points in time the different procedures of different committees had to be adopted because we don't have uniform procedures. I think the long range goal is simply this. Hopefully, and let me repeat what Senator Wesely said earlier, these model rules are not required to be adopted by any committee. The committees' alternatives are this. They can adopt the model rules. They can adopt the model rules with such modifications as they see would seem to be appropriate for their committee, or they can reject entirely the model rules and set up their own comprehensive committee rules. That is what the rule states. The idea was basically this. We would do the best job of making model committee rules that would be appropriate for every committee as we could, but we would recognize that there is a lot of variety between committees and that some of the different aspects of the model rules might not be appropriate. So, therefore, we would not make it mandatory but we would ask each committee to review them, explore them, find out over the period of the next two or three years what is wrong with the model rules and maybe perhaps eventually, if it seems appropriate, making the model rules standard for every committee. It might turn out that that is not appropriate, or it might turn out that it is appropriate making it substance for certain committees in certain areas. But at any rate I just wanted to let you know kind of the philosophy behind the model rules.

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SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I don't have serious problems with the model rules as put out. However, I do think, and as long as the committee chairmen can do as they darn well please I don't see much need for the committee or the model rules. However, just for example, I would call your attention to the first two things. It says: (a) The principal duties of the committee chairperson are as follows: In the model rules it says to call the committee