

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. President, I thought maybe you had forgotten my button. I put my button on early because I knew that Committee on Committees was going to come up there and I was ready to speak to that. But I will have to support Senator Warner's position. It is absolutely correct. If we are going to have standing committees that have had a very specific substance in them, then we better direct legislation, propose legislation to that committee. But why should we as politicians be logical when so many politicians always deal out of illogical positions or from those positions. I have nothing against Senator Hefner and the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. I am not questioning their integrity at all. I want to get back to principle. Senator Warner stated very well if we are going to start putting bills where the major topic is in terms of standing committees, then we are indeed placing this body in an embarrassing position. I support the reference to the Government Committee. I cannot quite believe it didn't go there in the first place, and I don't support it based upon the people who sit on that committee at all. I support it in the fact that reapportionment is absolutely a Government subject and there is nobody that can tell me otherwise. Several years ago when I wanted to change the standing committees of this body and change Urban Affairs and Constitutional Revision and Miscellaneous Subjects, I wanted to put all those, some of those committees out of existence because I happen to believe that Urban Affairs could easily be in Government and there is no need to have that Wednesday committee, and we could take other materials and put them in other standing committees and reduce the standing committees and increase the number of days they can meet and resolve a lot of problems. But there again we should never be logical. I would hope that this body this day would state unequivocally that, yes, reapportionment is absolutely a Government issue and we have a committee that deals with it and that is where that subject matter should be, and I support the reference to Government Committee on reapportionment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, I would support what Senator Warner said as well. I think that his last comments may be the most significant and that is that no matter what committee hears it, there is a presumption that somehow some system of caucuses, as Senator Warner said, groups of six or seven senators getting together to draw up boundaries, that somehow this is going to be the property not just of a single committee but of the full Legislature. I think that that is very important.