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those committee assignments. Let me give you an example of what happened to me when we organized. Originally, I had said I was going to run for the chairmanship of the Miscellaneous Subjects again and Senator Hefner was successful in that election and won the seat. And I had told the members of my caucus, I said, you know, there is that possibility that I won't win and if I don't win I would like to serve on the Appropriations Committee, and I talked to Senator Stoney who also had a request. Senator Stoney also wanted to serve on the Appropriations Committee. Senator Goodrich wanted to serve on the Appropriations Committee. And the caucus agreed that I should serve on the Appropriations Committee, but after a short conversation, Senator Stoney, in fact, as the Committee on Committees meeting was progressing, Senator Stoney and I had an opportunity to talk and Senator Stoney made a heck of a good argument why he should serve on the Appropriations Committee. And I went back to the caucus and I said to the caucus, I said, you know, Senator Stoney made a real good argument and as much as I would like to serve on the Appropriations Committee I think it would be best for the delegation if I declined that opportunity. And so we had made a number of decisions and so basically the seats that were open were the seats that I had had last year. So we took those seats. Now also to make this clear, the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee for reasons which some people may understand has been a very popular committee with Omaha legislators. Senator Kilgarin asked for the Miscellaneous Subject Committee and Senator Johnson had asked for the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee and Senator Fitzgerald asked for the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. There was a lot of people that asked for that committee. And so they weren't totally satisfied with that situation. I found that basically after serving as Vice Chairman of that committee, as Chairman of that committee, serving on the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee for five years, that I knew not only all I wanted to know about liquor issues, or horse racing issues, the kind of issues that go to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, but I found myself meeting many of these issues two or three times in the course of those five years and frankly felt a little bored.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR NEWELL: I dealt with political accountability and disclosure as often as I cared to and I knew that Senator Johnson and Senator Kilgarin both had an interest in Miscellaneous Subjects, and I went to them. And I said to Senator Kilgarin, I am going to ask Vard first because Vard wants that committee as well as you do and he has got