

Yes, yes, both of them. I am overruling both of them. For the purposes of discussion we will continue. Senator Koch did you have anything further, you have the microphone if you would like to carry on.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, have you ruled.

PRESIDENT: Yes, I have overruled your objection.

SENATOR KOCH: You are ruling then that the Warner amendment is germane.

PRESIDENT: Yes, I would say that it would be germane and I would also say that your question goes more to the practically pragmatic function of putting in on . . . adding it and that is up to you to vote yes or no.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator Warner's amendment. I do it for several reasons. Many of us have bemoaned the fact that the power of government has ascended to the Potomac River. I submit to you the reason that power went to the Potomac River was because for years this nation saw fit to operate as part time legislators. With the new federalism which is the major topic of discussion today and with the additional responsibilities that may be transferred to state I think I think it would be foolhardy for us to go to a biennial session. I went through an annual session my first year as a lobbyist and I remember about 165 days, 1,300 and some odd bills, when they finally adjourned either late September or early October the people were numb, the same number of bills were still there. Senator Warner talked about interim studies having more depth. I submit to you that that is up to each chairman and each committee as to how in depth they. . .how much in depth they want in terms of interim studies. I would agree that possibly our interim studies haven't been as good as they should be, but again that gets down to integrity of the committee's in terms of how much they want to involve themselves in the off season, in terms of studying issues which may be critical to the needs of this state. I would remind you of one thing. If I had my way I would request to the citizens of Nebraska that they allow us additional time to make decisions today which are much more complex and much more technical because this world which you and I live moves so rapidly and changes so rapidly that for us to think that we can govern this state with any degree of integrity on a biennial basis I think is foolhardy. I would hope that Senator Warner would withdraw his amendment. If anything we would put to the vote of the people the fact