

Affairs, a standing committee. There are 13 bills also referred to the Retirement Committee. So I would like to have somebody explain to me if there is 13 bills going to a standing committee and 13 bills that are going to a committee that is not a standing committee but is being elected and chosen like a standing committee, that hears bills like a standing committee, that introduces bills like a standing committee, shouldn't be a standing committee. So that is what the motion says, in 1991 regardless of who the chairman is, regardless of who the members are, it will be a standing committee. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Withem.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like a little, a point of clarification. Senator Haberman, rather than 13 bills, at this point in time we now know that we have 20 bills with General Affairs.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for Senator Haberman. Does by making this a standing committee, does that necessarily affect the day of the week in which it meets and the manner in which it meets or is it just a status change for the committee?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Withem, it would not change the staff makeup of the committee, but it would, as I understand it, be assigned a day for the Committee on Committees to meet to have committee hearings from one-thirty to whenever. As it is now, the Retirement Committee meets if and when they can. They can meet in the morning before the session, they can meet during the lunch hour or they can meet in the evenings. So, basically, what this would do, Senator Withem, it would say that on a certain day, as other standing committees, the Retirement Committee will meet.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay. Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I thought that is probably what Senator Haberman wanted to do. I don't know if automatically changing the title of a committee from special committee to standing committee does that. As somebody though that has had bills in front of the Retirement Committee, both under Senator Haberman's leadership and, frankly, I forget who the previous chair of the Retirement