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committee. So I wasn't criticizing, I was just trying to learn and it's very difficult for me to learn, incidentally.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Not as difficult as you would let us believe, Senator Korshoj. I did not take your comments as critical.

PRESIDENT: That point isn't up to debate.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I took them as legitimate questions and just tried to throw out to you at least some of the things that go through my mind when I weigh the choices that I have to make.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Actually, I would like to...my ideal situation would be for us to become a committee as a whole. We put the budget together but, obviously, that would be one whole session of the biennium that we did nothing but budget and I don't know that anybody really wants to agonize through that. But I guess I was just standing to recognize your frustrations, Senator Korshoj, and say you're not the only one. We're just as frustrated sometimes in that committee as you are out here when you go through 70 days and know you left out a lot of important things that you wish were in there that aren't. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, please, followed by Senator Schmit and Senator Haberman.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, Senator Hall, I apologize. It appears that this is the bill on which the gang of nine gangs up and I guess the frustration does build after a while. I haven't got up to speak on the appropriations bill because I am kind of a new kid on the block and, frankly, I don't know as much about the appropriations process and I don't remember as much about the budget as Senator Hannibal does, in spite of how much he protests. It is a long and complicated process. There are many, many, many programs that we discuss and that we have to make decisions on and, frankly, for somebody who is new and is learning everything else about the legislative process, I don't feel as well equipped to answer the kinds of questions that Senator Haberman, for instance, asks. But I guess I would like to say that I think that I do understand the frustration of the body sometimes and wondering how we come to our decisions. But let me say it's much easier on this floor to deal with one issue