

that we're in session by five. We also felt that, with the five-day organizational session in December, we would be able to be better organized to come back in January and would be able to get to business much more quickly and, therefore, the five-day loss would not make a whole lot of difference in the way we conducted business in here. So, with that, I would be glad to answer any questions about the committee amendments and would urge their adoption. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The committee amendments are under discussion. Senator Coordsen, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I, of course, support the committee amendments, both as one of the introducers of this resolution and as a member of Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, after the discussion that we had in that committee. As far as the timing of the organizational session, which could well be a matter for some discussion this morning, under the committee amendments, of course, the earliest it could possibly convene would be December 1st, and the latest it could possibly adjourn would be December 11th. So I think we're well outside of what is...might be considered the Christmas holidays. Most of the wording in the committee amendments addresses something that we did not address in the original bill and that is that situation that exists on the first year that this provision would become effective should it be adopted by the voters of the State of Nebraska, and makes the adjustment for the length of terms of half of the members of this body. The other thing, of course, I still have a personal affection for two 60-day sessions but two 70-days sessions would still help us, I think, be more able to transact the business of this Legislature in an orderly fashion in that as we all look at the end of the 60-day session looming quite closely in front of us and all of the measures that need to be addressed, the extra 10 legislative days on the 60-day session may well help us to wind up the business of a legislative session in a much better manner. As far as the conversion from 90 to 70, I think there is not a member in this body that is not aware of what happens to our attendance when as, I say rather facetiously, the greening of the greens begins to happen and after the 1st of May we have a difficult time in having enough members present on the floor to transact what needs to be done, what should be accomplished at the end of that particular session. I will push my light again. I will answer any questions. I will reserve the other comments that I might