

have till we get to the bill.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Moore.

**SENATOR WESELY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I would rise in support of the committee amendments as well and commend Senator Coordsen and Senator Korshoj for this legislation. It's based in part on legislation this Legislature passed a few years ago, if you recall, in the '86 election it was. We did, in that session, advance legislation similar to this where we did go to a December meet date to organize and it was, if you recall, it was advanced by this Legislature, put on the ballot and that was the time we had...662 was up, and seat belts were up that year, and had very controversial issues on the ballot, and this measure was ahead until the very last count the votes came in and it lost by less than like a half a percent of votes. So I think, in a different circumstance, a different vote without that sort of controversy on the ballot, I think this would easily pass and I think as time has gone on and people have thought about it some more, I think clearly if we put it on the ballot, I think the majority of people would vote for it. I think having the sort of compromise Senator Baack has worked out with the committee makes some sense as well. And so I am very encouraged by the initiative in this area again. I have long felt that early start organizational sessions would help. I think it would help this Legislature tremendously. The only question I have got is the 70-70-day thing. In an election year, that means we would run into late April in our sessions and the reason we have the 90-60-days is so in an election year the 60 days we would end approximately a month ahead of the vote in the primary and it may be wise to consider going to an 80-60 or some sort of combination. I won't suggest that at this time but I want people to think about that and perhaps on Select File we would want to amend it to that. But, at this point, I very much support the committee amendments and do support the measure.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Senator Moore.

**SENATOR MOORE:** Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I guess I have a question that I want Senator Coordsen to comment something if he may.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Senator Coordsen.