

waived off a little early was because I guess it goes back to the story of waiting until the congregation is gathered and the attention is directed to an issue before you start unloading all of the wagonload of hay. I would suggest that as we talk about this and as our concerns are focused on this particular issue that we think back to the first days of each 90-day session, when we come in, when we try to accomplish the organization of the Legislature when we have our various Committee on Committee hearings, when we select the Executive Board, when we vote on the various committee chairmen, when we begin the bill introduction period, when those newly elected chairmen try to begin organizing the committee hearings for that particular session, when we have a mountainous pile of newly introduced legislation, none of which or very little of which has been printed, is ready for use, is ready for reference, were we to utilize, were we to utilize an organizational session which, by the way, is part of the operating procedure of some 23 other states in the United States in various forms, prior to the beginning of a legislative full-time session, with the introduction of bills, would give us an orderly procedure of having the bills printed and ready for committee hearings to start almost immediately after the first of January. So many of the concerns we have about being short days or whatever could well be taken up by a far more precise beginning at the end of the first session of each biennial session. How many of us have went into committee hearings, saw the schedule but didn't see the bills until maybe that morning? Should we be doing that? I think it's something for us to discuss. We have had the current system certainly 16 years. Maybe it's time to revisit, to take another look, to be concerned as to whether we truly have a citizen Legislature under our current session. There is some movement afoot to try to encourage the Speaker to arrange an agenda with more four-day weeks to allow those members who have a business to run, who have a job to look after a little more time to do that. That was one of the major concerns in proposing the two 60-day sessions so that we could allow perhaps more of a citizen Legislature than what we have. I know there's an effort or a feeling on the body to go back to biennial sessions where we would only meet every other year. Maybe that's another issue that will come up for discussion. But it's my opinion that this particular measure is a good effort to bring a little more businesslike approach to the operation of this body. It would allow us to perhaps have the issue symposium concurrently with the organizational structure.