

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: That's a possibility. There are a number of options that would be available to us under this that currently are not. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker and members, I want to give a little neutral testimony as a private citizen. I cannot understand how the cost would be greater to come in in December. We all get one trip a week. The staff is on line. Everybody is here getting paid, where's the extra cost? We're having less weeks so we're probably going to wind up getting one week less mileage, less pay, so it isn't like a special session. We're here, we're supposed to be on line. And, on the 90-day session, when you get down here in order to get organized, get bill introductions, get it announced when the hearings will be, we definitely kill 10 to 14 days and we would eliminate that. I can't believe we would be hiring anybody extra if we came down here, if you people come down here in December. It just doesn't make sense to me. It would give you a chance, as George Coordsen said, for more four-day weeks and still get out of here by the middle of April. And May is a bad, bad month to be in the Legislature. The golf courses get green and we need to get over and plow some of that same old ground we've plowed the last hundred years. As far as more pressure in a 70-day session, wrong, wrong, wrong. In a 60-day session, where we're at at the 50th day we're at that same place on the 80th day of a 90-day session. Somewhere in the middle of all these sessions we spin our tires to the point we wear our tires out. We always kill time in the first part of the session. I really believe it would make for a much, much more efficient beginning and ending. We would keep the senators happier to get out of here earlier. Senator Crosby said that she would be afraid in December there would be a lot of missing people on the floor. We don't do too good in the winter time so while we're in session I can't believe that that would be a problem. I think the problem coming in December is inconvenience to individual senators. But I would like to hear somebody show me where the cost would be more. Two 70-days sessions, the final cost would be less money. And so, with that, I shall remain neutral. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson, please.