

ourselves to get here earlier and spend those five days and kind of shake out the cobwebs and get our bills all introduced and get them printed. And the reason we would print them is so that we would have a period of time to look at them between sometime in December and when we begin in early January. Quite frankly, I just don't think that's going to work. I don't think that's going to happen because I know what I do during the month of December. I try to straighten up my personal affairs at the end of the year as well as try to do that with other people. I am busy with the holiday season. Quite frankly, think about what you do the end of December, those last two or three weeks of December are lost anyway. You're sitting here with family, with friends, with everything else and the reason you start off with a new year is you put all that behind you and you say, I've wasted enough time in December doing things for myself and my family, eating too much, and I'm going to make that vaunted New Year's resolution, it's a new year, it's a new start, let's get to work. And practically the reorganizational period of time for those five days, I think, would be cosmetic. I don't think we would get as much done anyway and you're always going to have that period of time. You know, as a legislative body, what we do is spend a lot of time doing what we're doing right now. Look around the floor, we spend our time dealing with each other, whether that's in fierce debate or whether that's sitting in the lounge trying to figure out what's important to Senator Nelson or Senator Labeledz or Senator Haberman. We do those things, it's the collegiality of this body. We're not a machine that you flip on in the beginning of January and we start to process legislation and all of a sudden you flip us off at the end of 60 days. The purpose for this body is to deliberate, is to debate and I am very frustrated with our public hearing system at the moment. I don't like maybe missing this afternoon some Final Reading votes, even if they're on noncontroversial bills, because we're still sitting down in committee hearings. The 60-day session is difficult primarily because we have got that push, we've got a deadline that's very, very short and I don't think that's conducive for good legislative debate. I'm not so sure that we should have a period of time, period. If we've got problems before the state, I think we ought to debate them, we ought to address them and not say, well, thank goodness, we're running out of time, that problem will go away, because it won't. We will be back here the next year with a problem that's even worse because we didn't take the time to look at it. And, sure, I don't want to sit here through the summertime because that, personally, hurts my business. That