

probably would put my business in jeopardy, but that's a political and a business judgment that I've got to make as an individual as to whether I want to sacrifice that time and effort to do so. I think it's a good point of discussion. I'm glad Senator Coordsen has done this and there are other things that I think we can do. Before I got into this body, I thought one of the best things we could do is limit the number of bills. I'm not so sure that's true anymore. I don't think the problems of the state are going to go away by self-imposed numbers or dates and neither would the change in the sessions. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Dierks is pleased to announce that he has a guest under our north balcony from O'Neill, Nebraska, Mike Hannon, a student at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Mike, would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're glad to have you with us. Any other discussion on the adoption of the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Landis...excuse me, Senator Baack, would you handle the closing?

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I think we have had a good discussion on this and I think that's why Senator Coordsen really named this as his priority bill because we do need to discuss this. I think one thing that Senator Kristensen said just a minute ago that the change here is going to be purely cosmetic, I don't think it's going to be just that, because I think that the five-day organizational session provides the public with more access to this body, because what happens is we introduce those bills for those five days and maybe Senator Kristensen is not going to look at those bills in December, I don't know what he's going to do in December, but I think it gives the public a chance to view some of these bills, gives them two or three weeks to look at the bills that we're going to start hearing in January and gives them an opportunity for more input I think when we do start sessions in January. I think it gets us off to a running start here also because then we can begin hearings immediately as we come in and I think we will get the hearings done a little bit sooner in the session. We will have a few more days to do that, to be on the session for...to be in session full days. So I think it does more than just some cosmetic changes. I think it makes some good changes that are worthy of our consideration. I think the voters are willing to look at that, as Senator Wesely said that just barely failed the last time it was on the ballot and it was on the ballot with a number of other major issues which I think had an