

work. And I have no problem with that, if we accept that responsibility. But I think for us to cut down the days, we're cutting the public out, we're cutting out people, things are just that much more complicated. And we are down here to address those and help the people that we do represent. And so as to say...It's hard to say, George, but to compare us to Wyoming, that's almost an insult. What Wyoming does is kind of like I said on the floor the other day, we just as well adopt everything Minnesota does and just go home. So some states, Wisconsin I think is ten months out of the year, others are eight months. And I certainly feel that it is time to think of two 90-day sessions, closer to it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Crosby, on the amendment. Thank you. Senator Baack, on the amendment.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. I rise in opposition to the amendment. I don't know what Senator Haberman is trying to do. I guess he's trying to preclude all farmers from serving in the Legislature. This certainly would not work for farmers to have that long of a session, it adds too many days and it simply doesn't work. I know Rex said, well I can make it up in the years we don't...aren't in session, but you don't just farm every other year, you do have to farm every year, you can't just skip a year in there. I think if we wanted to make the public happy we probably should amend Senator Haberman's amendment and say instead that we meet 2 days every 100 years instead of 100 days every 2 years, and that probably would make them happy. We probably could get that past the public I would guess. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think Senator Coordsen identified the issue that really is the issue when he talked about the amount of time that we probably use not as productive as we can. And I don't really believe that any structural change, as a matter of fact, addresses the real issue. And the real issue is only ourselves as to how we want to proceed. And that's not being critical of how we do it now. I'm just suggesting that a change in structure is not going to change how a Legislature functions. I suppose the most believable thing I could say about not being particularly thrilled about December meetings would be to suggest to you that I obviously wouldn't be done picking corn in December. But that