

would not be a reason for opposing it. I'm one of I guess two people who served in a biennial session that are still here. And the fact that it was unlimited in days didn't really affect the number of farmers. We had a lot more farmers in those days, as a matter of fact. But that was not the issue either, because Senator Rod Johnson certainly made the point correctly, that if you wish to serve, you serve whatever time it is, and it becomes a first precedent on everything you do. My reason for being supportive of going back to the biennial sessions has nothing to do with most of these reasons or issues. I simply don't believe that as a general rule there are public policy changes that need to be made every eight months. And, in effect, that's what we do. Occasionally, there are issues and as we have special session now, we had special sessions when there was a biennial Legislature when some issue needed to be addressed, and it was. And that will continue to be the case no matter what we do. I have no illusions that we'll ever go back to biennial sessions. There is no doubt in my mind that anything that reduces the time in which the Legislature is in session will probably be voted for affirmatively by the voters, because there is this perception that if the Legislature meets less that there are less changes in laws. I don't like the limitation on the number of days, but I know that is popular both within the body as well as within the public, generally. I do not support limiting the number of bills. We've had that process, and those of you who were here then probably did exactly as I did. I had a drawer full of amendments that I could attach to any bill, because I couldn't introduce and stay within the number. And, in fact, when you did that there were no public hearings. There were no opportunities to really know what was going to be done by the public ahead of time. And we did it all, at least most of us who were here did it, because that was the only way you could function. So limiting bills, limiting days doesn't do any of the things that cannot be corrected by self-discipline if we wish to enforce it, and if we don't, that's also part of the legislative process which I have no problem with. I do believe that limitations on days or how frequently we meet, in fact, does lend to the possibility of a citizen Legislature, however. And I do believe in the concept of a citizen legislator,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...even though in many areas of the country that, essentially, is not the case anymore. But it seems to me that meeting less frequently still allows policy changes as they