

farmers, they have representatives in their body that come from every group that we have represented in this body, but they do it every other year. So it's kind of hard for me to understand the opposition to this as it works in some of the biggest states. It works in states that are agriculture, it works in states that want to build up their economic development, it does work. We have been told on the floor the budget...deficit budget doesn't have to be passed. I would also like to have you take a look at the green sheet and look at the priority bills and see how many there don't have to be passed, the state could operate without them. Now we've made a lot of changes and we're asking for a lot of changes. We want to change the way we get our regents. We have the choice bill. We want to increase sales tax and income tax to finance schools. We want to change the state college system. Changes sometimes are for the good. This, in my opinion, is for the good of the citizens and the body to meet every other year. I will tell you this, when I tried this idea out on some of the people behind the glass, the lobbyists, they oppose it, they oppose meeting every other year because it will hurt them, possibly financially. They wouldn't have anything to do in that off year. And somebody might raise a fuss about paying the fees they're now paying. Doesn't that make you feel good? I mean isn't that enough reason right there to vote for this bill? You won't have all of those notes coming in, and the phone calls for a whole year. Wouldn't that be a blessing. Not that they don't do a good job, or not that they're needed. But it would be nice to have at least one year without them. Now Senator Warner says that this probably won't pass. I have a lot of faith that if we have enough members here, and if they stop to think that it does work in seven states,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...then we could try it that it will pass. I hope it does. That's the end of my remarks at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker, members, I think there is really only two real considerations that one should make when we start talking about the structure of the Legislature with respect to the days that we meet, when we meet, how often we meet, how long we meet in my mind, and those are two key factors. One is we