

need to meet to conduct the business for the state, and the second is to develop a system that is open so that the diversity of the representation represents the people in the State of Nebraska. As I look at today's profile of this body, and I think back and my memory is not so long that I know all the profiles that we knew in years gone by, but I would say today we probably have one of the most diverse bodies that the Nebraska Legislature has ever known. We have young, we have old, we have retired, we have people still in the working environment, we have females, we have males, we have many, many different professions represented in this body under our current system. And I think that all, in part, has come about by virtue of a system that has limited days, and by having limited days then we ultimately meet every year, and by doing that we have farmers who can go back to farming, we have business people who can go back to their businesses. In today's society I would really be surprised to find out who, outside of the wealthy and/or retired, would be able to serve when you would serve for an extended period of time every other year, and how one would develop an economic support base to be able to survive in that particular kind of environment, and I think you very quickly lose some of the diversity we currently have in the body. Now that may be the motivation of Senator Haberman, who is both old and wealthy, because he would be thoroughly represented with his fellow man. But I think as we look at the body we currently have, we have a system and maybe an adjustment of calendar, adjust of number of days as originally was offered by Senator Coordsen, might better feed that system than even what we currently have. But I think as we look at Senator Haberman's amendment, on every other year basis of 100 days, I know a whole lot of people in this body that could no longer serve and still support their families and progress even in any meaningful fashion whatsoever economically, and try to pursue some other career of some sort. We talk about a citizens legislature being those people who walk from their occupations and able to give to the public this certain amount of time, which I know everyone in here is burdened by virtue of that much commitment. But as we make these kinds of changes, I think without question, that burden is going to fall hard enough on enough people that we will go back to a profile. Before I spoke I was going to take the time to run down stairs and walk the hall of all of the pictures of previous Legislatures. As you would walk those halls I don't think you saw the diversity you see in the more modern day body, of the people that are here. So I strongly am opposed to a situation that would actually limit the profile of