

the first Monday in January. Under short sessions there wouldn't be any change, because it's for reorganizational purposes. So it would be limited to three days, and those three days would be exercised on the fifth Wednesday following the general election, after any of the general election period, starting with this coming year. And those three days would come off the 90-day session, so we would only have 87 days in our regular session when we reconvene in January. So it's not adding any days, it's just positioning three of those in the fall in order to make those changes. So that is the committee amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. Discussion of the amendment. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have to ask Senator Conway a question or two since he opened. Senator Conway, this...the first day of this meeting would be the fifth Wednesday after the general election, is that what it says?

SENATOR CONWAY: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Roughly, what date of which month would that be around?

SENATOR CONWAY: It would be in the first...probably in the first week, typically in the first to the second week of December.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we would be in session after that date, and then we would recess until a date in January, as determined by the formula in this amendment.

SENATOR CONWAY: Correct, we'd we...we...we would return at the date that we would ordinarily re...that we ordinarily convene, anyway, that's when we'd come back and start putting in our 87 days then.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what is the value of that now? Why is that going to make our system more efficient and manageable than the current one?

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Wesely believes so. (Laughter.)