

mathematics, when you have 49 senators, you can only have 7 different groupings to get an even number. And if there is question about the 9-member Appropriations Committee, we're in a situation where the reason the First Congressional District is sitting in a situation with one additional member right now, as that's where the chairman happens to be located, and so, therefore, there is two from each of the other four Committee on Committees. To move to this would be somewhat of a departure from the basic philosophy of having the Standing Committees chosen by Committee on Committees rather than the alignment associated with what we choose our Exec Board from. If there seems to be a desire to load the Appropriations Committee, then I would suggest whatever caucus desired to do that needs to work hard to get a chairman from their caucus, and then they would get an additional member in that situation, as we've had over the many years that we've been at it. But as far as one-man, one-vote concern, we've got 32,212 people under our new district alignments, give or take a few people. Each one of those has a senator, each one of those senators then, no matter how you divide those up, are going to end up in a caucus. And again, unless we have 7 caucuses, we are only going to be in a situation where occasionally there is going to be a caucus that has one additional person in order to balance it out. Whether we're dealing with three, or whether we're dividing it by four, there's always a little bit of variation there. I don't think a 7-caucus situation would probably behoove the body for its organizational purposes. But we're looking at one man, one vote, if we're looking at then harboring those people into pockets, then as long as we have committees that have different numbers of membership, the eight or nine, we're always going to have an overload from one caucus to another. But I think to depart from our basic philosophy of Standing Committees being selected by our Committee on Committees, if we want to depart from that, that's another issue. But to do it simply for the Appropriations Committee, I think, is inappropriate.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. Any further discussion on the amendment to the committee amendments offered by Senator Lynch? Seeing none, Senator Lynch, do you wish to close on your amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I...you may or may not remember, and I wasn't here, but at a time in past...in the past, in the history of this Legislature, the responsibilities of the Executive Committee was, in fact,