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are in this instance. Senator Witek, I believe you are as serious about this as about anything you've ever been, but my only advice to you, if I...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...can give it, is that we have to grow up and recognize the reality of certain situations and you don't recognize that reality.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body; Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I rise because not only do I want to visit this issue briefly but I want to address another issue which I think is equally as important and is tied to this whole process. First of all, Senator Witek, I think this is a serious proposal. I listened carefully to your arguments and a lot of what you said, I think, makes sense. I think there are some good reasons for at least considering this measure, but the bottom line is I think that if we were to adopt a rule like this that we would all see a change in here that we really wouldn't wish to see. And Senator Wesely addressed that rather eloquently. This would become a very partisan contest for chairmanships of the Legislature. I don't think there's any question about it because the parties would know exactly how its members were voting and I don't think that's a good yardstick to use in a Unicameral Legislature. I think that what we need to do is to look at the persons who are running and decide in our own minds who we think would do the best job in running a committee and expediting the process, because who we choose as chairmen is fundamentally very important to the process for the two-year cycle. And to have those kinds of pressures from the outside, I think, would be damaging. As many of you know, I came from a very partisan background. Whenever there was a bill before the Legislature in the 1970s and '80s, I came before the Legislature and I testified in front of...in favor of a partisan Legislature, have always believed that a partisan Legislature made a lot of sense when you're talking about a policy-making body. But the longer I've been in here, the more I've come to appreciate the attributes of a partisan or a nonpartisan Legislature and the more I've talked to legislators from other states and realized the horrendous problems they have sometimes in dealing with the parties in the decision-making process and the way power is distributed, I think maybe we have a better