

to send me back; Senator Witek, you lost composure there for a moment.

SENATOR WITEK: I tried.

SENATOR HALL: Such a rare...

SENATOR WITEK: I guess I just get giggly at the very thought.

SENATOR HALL: ...pleasant experience. I probably would not seek reelection to the Executive Board Chair. I think chairmanships ought to roll around a little bit. I think different people ought to serve in those capacities. I've never stayed in a chairmanship more than four years, and there's good reason for that in all those cases too. But the answer is probably yes. I believe people ought to have the ability to go...the thing I agreed with, that Senator Avery said, was that the more involved individual members are, the more they are out there experiencing what goes on and dealing with people, the better it is for the body. Now I don't think that reflects in a single chairmanship and I'll address that on my time, but clearly the question of where people should have the ability to travel, whether or not their preference is to go to a CSG meeting, an NCSL meeting or an ALEC meeting makes no matter to me. I'm a card-carrying member of ALEC. I have not attended one of the meetings even though I've been invited and they have offered to pay my way a couple different times. I just haven't taken them up on that but I'm not a big traveler. But I believe that people who want to do that should have every opportunity to do that and I think unless you can show no legislative purpose, no purpose as it relates to the district or to subject matter, that an individual member has show interest in, then they ought to have that ability as long as the budget allows and as long as it's not excessive.

SENATOR WITEK: Then why haven't we been doing it? The biggest shock to me my first year in the Legislature, I read over the ALEC stuff. I, of course, as you all know it's a conservative, more conservative organization and I, of course, agreed with probably most of that and wanted access to all their materials and then upon applying for reimbursement to go to these meetings was told that the Legislature did not reimburse for the ALEC organization, and as far as I know, that's the only organization, professional organization that they do not reimburse for. At least with Senator Avery, he's agreed under