

either. And my philosophy has always been to allow individual legislators as much discretion as is possible and we, as members of the Executive Board, I'm on it now, may not always be there, but as a Legislature also could bring under control any situation where it seemed one member was taking up all the money, but that is not going to happen, but if it did we could handle it. I, as a member of the Legislature, am somewhat resentful of the way we restrict ourselves. We treat ourselves like step-children in the old negative way that step-children supposedly were regarded. We apologize for everything the Legislature does, we temporize, we make ourselves everybody's kicking person. Whenever they get angry, they don't kick the dog, they kick the Legislature. The Governor kicks the Legislature, the courts kick the Legislature, the Attorney General, and in other states where they recognize the power of the Legislature that does not happen. But when we ourselves have no respect or regard for ourselves as an institution, nobody else is going to accord us that which we don't accord ourselves. When it comes to the travel the Executive Board is the instrumentality to make that decision. The Executive Board formulates the policy and the Executive Board is the best one to administer it. I don't think there ought to be a situation where senators have to go to a committee and then come to the Executive Board anyway. Just have one instrumentality. We always talk about bureaucracy, well, others do, I don't talk about that, but they talk about bureaucracy where you have various levels through which people must pass to reach their ultimate objective and goal. The Executive Board is the one who would have the final say on travel anyway. We don't need the committee. It's an extra layer that accomplishes no worthwhile practice or purpose as far as efficiency. We have only 49 members of the Legislature. I think there are 14 Standing Committees and two Select Committees. The Reference Committee is not really anything different from the Executive Board and the E & R Committee is not really an existing entity, but the Committee on Committees and the Retirement Committee or whatever the other one is, are committees that have membership. When you have as few members as we have and 14 Standing Committees and two Select Committees, how many more committees do you need? Should we have a committee so everybody can be Chair of one? Get only 48 because I don't want one. I don't want one. In fact, I like Senator Maurstad so much that when you create 49 committees, he can have three titles. He can be chairperson of E & R, he can be chairperson of the Maurstad committee and he can be chairman of whatever the committee was that Chambers