

to get to that. Senator Hillman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, today, in your mailbox, you had an invitation and a packet that looked at the Five-State Legislative Convention that's going to be held from September 10th to the 12th in western Nebraska, in Scotts Bluff County. I would just like to extend my personal invitation to you, being from western Nebraska. And, very quickly, for those of you who are unaware of the Five-State Legislative Convention, it entails North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and Nebraska, and it happens every two years. It is now Nebraska's turn to host this convention. We have had a conference call with other states and there seems to be a very good turnout from the other states, except perhaps maybe Montana, but Wyoming is looking at at least ten. North Dakota is bringing one to two busloads down, and South Dakota should have about 20. So I would encourage the members of the Legislature to look at your schedules. A couple things. One, if any committee chairmen are looking at any scheduling in the interim studies, if you could coordinate it with the times of the convention and join us at the convention, that would be helpful, I think, in doing a couple things. Also that any of you family vacations or looking at wanting to get together with other senators, this would be a good time. It gives you an opportunity to meet, I think, with other states of very similar concerns and issues that Nebraska has. It is the central part, northern central part of our country, so we have, I think, a lot of things in common. For those of you that have been there before, we've changed the format a little bit. Rather than just panels discussing what's going on in your different states, we have tried to capitalize a little bit on what we call futurism. We'll be having speakers come in and looking at perhaps some of the issues and concerns that's going to affect us all in the future. So, with that, I would ask you to please check your schedules, read through the material. If you have any questions about the convention, sometime I would be glad to tell you more about it. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Beutler, your light is on next for discussion of the Bromm amendment to the Vrtiska amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, I would ask to... I would waive for the moment. Thank you.