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of a few people.... I've watched Legislature since 19-whatever. I was alive and well and reading, being able to read, when the Unicameral came into being. There are people along the way who were Speaker or who might have been or had the power to do these things that I wouldn't have trusted to do it, so I think we should think very carefully about what we're doing here. And I'm sorry, the Rules Committee of course has an ownership feeling and protection of what they've brought to us, but there again our system is a debate system. That's what we're here for and...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CROSBY: ..the longer you talk about it, the more we learn. Thank you,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: ..Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Midwest Region of the National Association of Purchasing Officers is holding a meeting here in Lincoln hosted by the state of Nebraska and Barbara Lawson. Those members in attendance are in the south balcony. They are: Barbara Lawson from Nebraska; David Cragan from Indiana; David Ancell from Iowa; John Houlihan from Kansas; George Boersma from Michigan; John Haggerty from Minnesota; Richard Slivak from Minnesota; Jim Kapp, North Dakota; Roger Grime from Ohio; Joyce Murphy from Missouri; and Rachel Winter from New York. Will you all stand to be recognized, please. Welcome to the Nebraska Unicameral. Senator Beutler, your light is next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to respond and clarify or at least give another point of view on some of the points that have come up in recent discussion. It was suggested on the floor that perhaps you and I are just negligent if we don't run up to the Clerk and race to the Clerk and file our amendments first. Well, I guess one can take that point of view, but I think that the correct point of view or the better policy and the better point of view is to recognize that good law is not...should not depend on a race to the Clerk. Sometimes the most thoughtful amendments...perhaps most of the time the most thoughtful amendments are...come about a little more slowly, are run by a lot more people and, by the