

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Chambers mentioned, a little while ago, that we already have the ability to break out those days, those 90 days or those 60 days and use them as we would like. And it started me thinking about it. And, Senator Wesely, I don't know if you have a response to that or not, but I'd be interested in hearing it. I'm looking, in the constitution right now, to see if there's a place that says that we actually take office on, you know, the second Tuesday after the first Monday, or whatever it is, or the second Wednesday after the first Monday, or whatever. Do we actually take office then? And is...what Ernie is talking about, could we possibly do that? If it's not in there, could we assign three days to December of every year?

SENATOR WESELY: If I could respond, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Schimek, we could... I think what Senator Chambers may be referring to is from the starting point of the session, which is determined by the constitution, which is, what, the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January, from that point we could meet for three days and then break for a month or something. But to do something in December you have to have a constitutional amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, that's what I thought, but I'm looking for the wording in the constitution, and I haven't found it yet. But I'll look some more.

SENATOR WESELY: We'll find it for you, but trust me on that one, that Article III, Section 1, Senator Lindsay says.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Article III, Section 1.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah. See, we have the flexibility of starting...all it says is we start and we have so many days. We could do a number of things. And for a while, for instance, after the bill introduction we broke for a week one time, to allow bills to be printed, before we did anything. We broke and then came back and started hearings. And, you know, the problem you get into is it runs way into June...