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brought up before. I don't believe you'll find any other state that their committee hearings are as open as what ours are. There are not very many that do have that type of a system. But the system we have and the openness of our hearing, you all know how we've sat on hearings and they've lasted for hour, upon hour, upon hour. But most everyone gets their chance to voice their opinion at those hearings. And that's something that I think that this body and this state should be commended for, is having the patience and the endurance of sitting in the committee hearing and hearing everyone's complaint. And you'll...most of the time there is...it's not one-sided, you get both sides of the story and you form your opinion by that and move...and advance that bill. And there's nothing wrong with being able to think out a situation. How many times haven't you seen someone or something when, on the primary...on the primary election, and then after you have the summer to think about it, you find out that it's not such a good idea, or that person isn't quite the person you thought they were. And then you have another chance. There's nothing wrong with that. I can think of a lot of times when someone has won big and then lost in the general election...in the primary. So I...I believe that we're on the right track. I don't think that we're slowing up the process, I think this is a fine idea, and I'm going to support LR 18CA. I thank Senator Kristensen for bringing it. When it came through the Government Committee, I had a few reservations. And the more I thought about it, over the last few months, I've...I can see where this is going to work fine. There's nothing wrong with a nine month situation, with Senator Beutler's; I don't see anything wrong with that. That doesn't hurt a thing; here again, it gives you a little more time. With that, thank you very much. And I'll turn the rest of my time back to the Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. To close on the advancement of LR 18CA, Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I appreciate the interest, although obviously you'd like to see this go voice vote over, but I realize that it is a difficult issue and one that, at the end of a session, we are going to have to make some decisions. And I would hope that this is one that as you look long-term, if you were going to