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rose to 63, and the amount that the Judiciary Committee would have had in addition would be 122 more than the average. You have to add the...I'm using Senator Wickersham's data. You know the numbers are there. Four days will provide a better process, more time, more opportunity, hopefully only for good, than will three. It is not, some might argue, that what we do need to do is kill more bills, but I want to suggest to you that even before we kill more bills...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...we ought to carefully hear each bill and carefully consider each bill even if we're going to kill more bills. And, that being the case, as our numbers grow, so does our need for the time to do the job. I tend to use the plural. I want to be clear that I'm speaking for myself. Have no authority here to be speaking for the Judiciary Committee. I do urge the careful consideration. Again, I thank Senator Wickersham. I thank the Rules Committee, its Chair, Senator Hudkins. I appreciate the effort to address a problem that is a fact. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Beutler. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rarely speak on rules issues because we will somehow survive because of or in spite of whatever is in the rules, but I would ask the members to listen carefully to what the previous speaker said. If we are interested in change for the sake of change, that is one thing. If we are interested in change because we believe it will absolutely make a difference, that is again another decision. I commend the Rules Committee, as well as Senator Wickersham, for the time that they spent on this because it has been an issue that has been discussed for a number of years, and it's time that this was discussed before the floor of the Legislature as to whether it was an issue that had great impact on the ability of the Legislature as a body separated into separate committees to do their work. It's generally accepted that the Judiciary Committee is the most heavily referenced committee in the Legislature, and on the average I think that would be true, although there have been