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educational purposes and it's well put. But if you adopt his amendment you are effectively destroying the central point of the Rules Committee's propositions to you. If you hold firm on this section of the divided question, then you will be saying, yes, to the central question of the Rules Committee. And let's start focusing and talking about how and if we're going to solve a very big problem, and let's talk about what else can be done about it. Let's talk about the nature of the problem, let's talk about what else could be done about it, and then make your decision as to whether this is not the best solution. First of all, what is the problem? The problem doesn't have to do with Ag and it doesn't have to do with Natural Resources. They happen to be part of a solution that works. The problem is the overload on Judiciary Committee. Senator Brashear, the Chairman of the committee, has asked for a resolution of this problem for a number of years. That resolution has not been forthcoming. There is a possibility of solving it with re-referencing solutions. I'll talk about that in a minute, but let's talk more about the problem. We know we have a three-day committee that has basically twice the workload of the other committees. We know, and this is the most important aspect of it I think, that when the public comes and they think they are coming to give actual, meaningful input on Judiciary Committee bills, when they come before the Legislature to give that input what do they discover? Sixty seconds? Ninety seconds? Senator Brashear, can I ask you a question, please?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, would you yield?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: When somebody comes from Scottsbluff or North Platte or Kearney or Grand Island and drives all the way in here on something that's so critical and important to them, and we're telling them that we give every bill a public hearing and we're listening to the citizens of this state, would you basically outline for us how we listen to citizens of your state in your committee. And you understand from our prior discussions that I'm not critical of you or of the committee because you're doing what you have to do, but what has happened to our public hearing process?