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when you're looking at classes of citizens altogether, I think that I trust the environment more in the hands of the farmers and ranchers than I do in the hands of the industrialists and business people. And so, looking at it from the other side though, I think there's a very strong argument that ag gains out of this by continuing to hold the array of issues that's in Natural Resources now within a committee and a group of people who probably, in this Legislature, will always be dominated by the rural interests for the natural reason that that committee is the greatest attraction to rural folks. It is that committee, for example, that the rural districts are always willing to trade for in the Committee on Committees. It will always be dominated by a rural majority. And I would think that that's the way in long term that the rural interests would want to have it. Why would you risk a different kind of restructuring than the one that's being offered today, which might result in the reduction of Natural Resource Committee days...committee days from three to two, for example? Then you're taking subject matter jurisdiction away from a committee that traditionally is a strong rural committee. Why not keep it all together in the same committee? Ag loses nothing by combining the two jurisdictions, because everything that came into one or the other of the committee will go into the combined committee.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So referencing is not a solution. Even if referencing was a solution, remember the scale of the things we're talking about. Huge numbers, whole subject matter areas would have to be diverted from Judiciary to other committees. And do you want that to happen without your vote on it out here? I mean, would you like the Executive Board just to go in there and shift everything around without your say-so, one way or another? That's why this has been brought out to you, up front and for your decision, so you make the decision about how the bills are going to change, if they're going to change at all. And the nice thing about this solution is that it doesn't reference things away from any particular group. It's not...it's a neutral kind of thing, and it allows you to decide out here on the floor, where I think it should be decided.