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amendment. (Chambers amendment, Legislative Journal page 207.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm going to make numerous statements this afternoon. I'm putting things in the record early on. And as we progress through the session, there will be times when I will stand on this floor and say, I told you so as far as ag and rural interests being disparaged, because I remember things. But this is an amendment which is going to take care of all of the problems. It's going to take care of the rural/urban split. It doesn't matter whether you're Baptist, Catholic or Methodist, doesn't matter whether you're black, white, Latino, male, female, Democrat, Republican; all that matters is that you're a member of the Nebraska Legislature. We all know that the Speaker is not a part or not a member of any committee, except one of the six members of the Rules Committee, and is an ex officio member at that. But of the Standing Committees, the Speaker is not a member of the committee. This amendment that I'm offering would strike everything that is being proposed in this section of the amendment before us. It would strike all the existing language, meaning that which has not been touched by the amendment, all of the new language, and it would be replaced by this: "Agriculture and Rural Affairs 24 Members", "Urban Affairs 24 Members". And each committee would meet five days, and we would divide up all of the subjects between those two committees. And if either or both decided that they wanted to break into subcommittees that would handle various aspects of some of these matters, that could be done. But before a bill would be advanced to the floor, it would take a majority vote of the entire committee, or 13 votes, lucky, in this case, 13. So, if a subcommittee felt that a bill ought to be advanced and a majority of the subcommittee believed that, then it could be presented to the entire committee as having the votes of a majority. However, because a subcommittee would not have the authority to advance a bill, the fact that a proposal did not get a majority of the subcommittee votes would not prevent the entire committee from taking a vote as to whether or not to advance that proposal to the floor. This I'm offering in seriousness. I have listened to all of what I consider the discussion lacking in substance about how Ag and Natural Resources are related, and somehow your vote on the Ag Committee being diluted is going to give you more, they must think they're