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to have these types of discussions. So it needs to be more of a comprehensive view, in my opinion, than just amending the rule to limiting one group or another, because it's got to be more of a global solution. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, I don't want to spend a lot of time again on this. But I'd just like to mention a few things. As far as...three or four things. One, as far as taking the time to hear the bill before us, I believe we've taken that time, and we haven't had any complaints, up till recent discussions. And if it's going to take more time, I think we'll find a way to take that time. But I've never had complaints before. Another thing, we meet at the noonhour. That's been tradition. That's the way it's always been. That doesn't mean it always has to be that way, but that's the way it's always been, because that's a time that we have free during the legislative day. So that's how that came about. But we do not hear a lot of bills. So it's not like we have six, seven, or eight bills to hear every day, either. Like, last year, like Senator Brown said, we were hearing a multitude of bills. Well, a multitude, is that more than one, or is that less than ten? Well, last year, it was six bills. So that...is that a multitude? I don't know. In my definition, it's not. So we have...we took the time to hear those bills last year, and we only took one or two during a day. And maybe some of them weren't controversial at all. Well, you can...that's how you judge how many bills you're going to take. So I think it's worked well this year. And then of all six bills that we heard last year, there wouldn't have been any one of them referred to another committee, Government or anyplace else. They're constitutional amendments and, like I told you, as far as this committee to study tribal relations. And that was just setting up the committee. It wasn't really anything else. So, with that, I'm finished for the morning as far as talking, but I do not support the amendment. And thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Schimek. And this will be your third time, Senator Schimek, outside of closing.