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could go to the same committee. The Retirement Committee is the only committee that is specifically mentioned in statute, but yet it still does not have its own special time. So that's what this proposal would do. It would not take effect until 2007, next year, and it would give the Retirement Committee their own special time. The Proposal Number 3 would take care of the technique of this. So, Senator Stuhr, if you would like to add any further information, you may do so with my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, you're recognized.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I have served on the Retirement Committee for a number of years, and I have also had the privilege of serving as Chairman. I agree with what the proposal is before us and the fact that I feel it is imperative that the Retirement Committee have a special time and be treated as other standing committees and that we have that 1:30 designated time. We have very complex bills and right now we have one hour to address those bills. Last session we had 21 bills. We had to limit the time that speakers could speak because everyone knows we're in such a minute time slot. So also just sharing with you that we do look at the five different systems--the state employees, the county employees, school employees, the judges, and the State Patrol--so that is a lot to cover. Also, as I said earlier, I think, as we know, everything becomes more complex, and in this area it certainly has. We are also dealing with assets totaling over \$7 billion, and that...and we also have the plans of nearly 100,000 people, about 97,000 active, inactive, and retired members that we oversee and consider. So that is what we are asking as a body, that you would recognize the Retirement Committee and that the Committee on Committees would then select a time for the Retirement Committee to meet. So I ask for your support in adopting this rule. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Hudkins, did you wish to continue?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, just to briefly summarize. As Senator Stuhr said, the Committee on Committees