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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Another question that occurs to me as we're talking, we did put the Retirement Systems Committee in statute. There's a special committee bill that I introduced and was heard by the Executive Board a couple of times, it's out on the floor, and it would establish a State Tribal Relations Committee. That also is statutory. Is it just special committees that have to be done statutorily? Or why are some statutory and others are simply done by the Committee on Committees?

SENATOR HUDKINS: It's my understanding that the Retirement Committee was given statutory authority from the Senator Warner days. He thought that this was so important that he didn't want it to be where the Rules Committee could just get rid of it.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So if we wanted to, we could put them all in statute.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Is that time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I did say time, yes. Uh-huh.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further discussion? Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'd like to thank the, first of all, thank the Rules Committee for their deliberations. And I know that we've had a discussion in the Executive Board about the makeup of our committees, and I know that the Rules Committee has deliberated both the afternoon that they had their hearing and since then, and I think they have worked to try to find some consensus. I rise in support of the second proposal, which simply allows the Retirement Committee to be designated their own committee day for hearing. So, according to what's before you at this moment, all we're doing is striking the language in the rules that say