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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Further discussion? Senator Brown, followed by Senator Dwite Pedersen, Senator Erdman, Senator Thompson, Senator Stuhr, Senator Baker. Senator Brown. Senator Brown, did you...Senator Brown, you're recognized. I'm sorry. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Being your current Chairman of the Committee on Committees, I wanted to make just a couple comments. First of all, remember the change of this rule would be for next year, not for this year. If I were to be the Chairman of Committee on Committees next year, because I do have two more years after this one to fulfill my term if, good Lord willing, I'm alive and here, I would not be the one who made that decision by myself. In fact, I don't mind telling you that I would be very incapable of doing that by myself. It would have to be done with your help and, most of all, with our very experienced, knowledgeable staff from the Clerk's Office. They would work at it over the session...over the interim, bring it back to us next session, and we'd have some ideas to work on. I am very supportive what we're trying to do here, and I do believe that Retirement Committee needs a day. I'm going to vote for the change and tell you that I would do everything I could to be fair and consistent in the way we work out the committee thing, and I would have a lot of help in doing that. Thank you.

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

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I'm interested, I guess, in the conversations that are going on. I'm not sure whether or not Senator Janssen is in favor or opposed to doing something this year, because in reality, if you don't do it now, you have to adopt this under the rules next year. And if you wait till next year to adopt this under the rules, then you've generally already organized your committees. And so it's important for us to do this now to begin the work that Senator Dwite Pedersen just outlined the process would follow, and that is we would adopt the change in our permanent rules as of today to lay the groundwork for the process of reorganizing the committees in order to accommodate the Retirement Committee for their day. It has to be done this