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would come out as an amendment and I would oppose that, then I wasn't serious in my offer. So I try not to make offers that I wouldn't accept. But again, that has to happen next year. That would happen during the interim. What we're voting on here today is not which committee goes where and what happens. We're recognizing a 20-year-old problem that this Legislature has discussed repeatedly and has, in fact, put in state statute that should happen, and that is the Retirement Committee needs a day. That's simply all Proposal Number 2 deals with. The arterial issues of who gets gored and which committee loses days, that's to be worked out later. The issue before you is to decide whether or not you agree with former Speaker Withem and others that debated on the floor with LB 189, and that you agree with the Rules Committee that the Retirement Committee needs a day--vote for Proposal Number 2. If you like the status quo and think, well, I'm not on the Retirement Committee, I don't care, and the \$9 billion that the retirement employee...the employees of the state, their plans, are governed under is a lunch committee, then vote no. But as for where I'm going to vote, I'm in favor of Proposal Number 2 and I think we have the insight, as members of the Legislature, to weigh through these issues of how to reorganize our committees. It will have to be done through the Committee on Committees. So focus back to what's before you. Proposal Number 2 is a proposal to allow the Retirement Committee a day, simply put. It doesn't get into these other issues of who goes where, which committee loses what. That will have to be sorted out at a later date.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Thompson, followed by Senator Stuhr and others.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I've been on the Rules Committee since I came to the Legislature, so these discussions that we're having this morning, we've had in that committee. We've had proposals over the years and I think one of the disappointments that I will have as a term limited senator is if we don't get to this issue this year. There are