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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: ...that was the discussion that was in the Rules Committee, but actually I believe it says that the Committee on Committees makes the designations of when the committees will meet. So that's why, you know, we've been talking with the Chairman.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So by virtue of what we're doing today, we're not cutting the Natural Resources Committee to two days, nor are we doing...

SENATOR STUHR: No.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...anything other than giving you a day some place.

SENATOR STUHR: Exactly. We are having some floor debate which may be referenced, you know, which is always...is always helpful. But what we have been talking about is Natural Resources Committee being a two-day committee. We also have other two-day committees. We have Education, we have Transportation and Telecommunications, and Banking, I believe, are the other two-day committees. So, you know, I think we did not explore all of the possibilities that were out there that the...and I would hope that the Committee on Committees would begin that exploration this year so that by...when they meet next, you know, at the beginning of the session, that there would be a plan set out.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So as...so far as you know, then, no member of the Rules Committee or of a standing committee, nor you, nor anyone else is committed to any configuration whatsoever other than getting the Retirement Committee one day, some day during the week.

SENATOR STUHR: We had the discussion in the Rules Committee, but then found out we actually didn't have the authority to set those days, is my understanding. You might confer with Senator Hudkins also.