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happens in almost the form that we're anticipating. So what the amendment does is simply say that the Retirement Committee shall meet on a Friday. The consequence of that, because of the structure of things, is that no other three-day committee can be reduced, simply because of the workloads, and so it ensures that the likelihood of Natural Resources losing a day and Retirement going on a Friday, just as was described to you, will in fact happen. Let me tell you why it's important, and I think we need to talk about this issue head-on. If Retirement is on a Friday and Natural Resources has two days, that means that the committee members will have to serve on the Retirement Committee and on the Natural Resources Committee. There are many, many urban legislators who are interested in Retirement. If Retirement is on that Friday, that combination will ensure a useful mix of urban and rural legislators on the Natural Resources Committee, and I submit to you that that is a particularly important thing in the time that's coming ahead of us. If, on the other hand, you don't do that, the danger exists that instead of Retirement Committee being on the Friday, Agriculture will be on the Friday. That will reinforce something that I think has not been a good thing in this Legislature, and it's the stacking of committees with those who are most interested in particular subject matter. And obviously I'm not saying that Natural Resources is the only committee in the Legislature that has that tendency. A lot of them, most of them have that tendency. The fact of the matter is, people try to get us interested in certain committees so that they can be strong in certain ways. But if we're opening it up to Ag on Friday, I don't think that's a beneficial thing. If everybody intends to carry through and continue this debate and follow through on what they've indicated, then my amendment should be no problem to anybody at all. Because, again, all it does is say Retirement will meet on a Friday. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. You've heard the opening on the Beutler amendment to Proposal Number 2. Open for discussion. Senator Brown, followed by Senator Schrock. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I am concerned that we are beginning to do the work of the Committee on Committees in the body. And we have a fairly straightforward question before