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us: Do we believe that the Rules Committee needs a day...I mean the Retirement Committee needs a day to do their work? That's all in the underlying proposal that we have before us. With the Beutler amendment, we have assumed the work of the Committee on Committees in putting together a proposal for how the...this day for Retirement shall be set up, and I don't think that that's necessary at this point in time. I think that what we need to determine is whether or not the...not just the workload but the amount of money represented in that work necessitates a day. So I will not be supporting the Beutler amendment, but I will be supporting the underlying rules change because I believe that we need to do that; that we needed to have done it some time ago. And I wish that at the time that this was first passed in 1989 it had been put in place. I think it would have made our lives much easier. But I think...I'm not saying that it's going to be an easy job for the Committee on Committees to figure out how to structure things, but next year, with the changes that we will be looking at in many ways in this body, I think it would probably be a very easy time to have it...have that change made. And so I will be voting against the Beutler amendment and for the underlying proposal, and I hope we can get to that proposal soon.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Stuhr and others.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the body, I think I will vote for the Beutler amendment, but not with a lot of enthusiasm. I think what we need to establish today here is that the Rules (sic) Committee does need their own day. I think we agree on that. One of the reasons I...I'm sorry. Retirement Committee needs its own day. One of the reasons I spoke up and was so gracious, as Senator Hudkins put it, and I don't think I was gracious about it, is because I did not want the Ag Committee and the Natural Resources Committee merged, and that proposal was there. And I'll tell you why. Maybe somebody with more ability than I have could handle both of those subject matters, but I think I've had my hands full with the water issues and with the livestock waste issues, not to mention all the Game and Parks issues. And, Senator Kremer, I think you're busy, and I do think the perception is that if we combine Ag