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specific proposal, which is simply to allow the Retirement Committee to have a day as a standing committee, which is what the other 13 committees have, and to be able to give the Committee on Committees the opportunity then to draw the schedule in accordance with the Speaker's wishes, according to our current rules, to meet the rules that are before you. So it comes back to what I said earlier. If you don't want to make any changes to the rules and you don't trust the Committee on Committees and you don't think that they are competent of giving us a proposal that balances out what the testimony here is on the floor today, then vote no. And if you vote no on Proposal Number 2, then you've solved that problem. I think that's a disservice to the Legislature. I think that's a disservice to the Retirement Committee. I think that's a disservice to the members of the state of...or the citizens of the state of Nebraska, whether they are members of our retirement plan or not. But that's my position. So I think we can resolve Senator Beutler's concerns and I think a lot of other concerns by doing it a different way than only specifying that the Retirement Committee meets on a Friday. So if we want to pursue that, which I'm willing to do with Senator Beutler or whoever else, I think we can go down that path, but realize there are checks and balances in place. They just may not be the exact ones that we would all like to have our hands on. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. There are no further lights on. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I don't know how you want to approach this. Obviously, what I'm suggesting is a little more detail than everybody is...at least most people that have spoken are willing to accept. On the other hand, unless somebody else is going to propose some other rule change today, I think it has been clarified for you that only the Speaker will have input with respect to which day the Retirement Committee occupies insofar as the Committee on Committees' decision. And so, if nothing else, I hope this debate highlights that responsibility and causes those of you who will be here to look at and be aware of and watch what happens. I don't know what you'll do about it if it's the wrong