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Senator Hudkins has adequately outlined it. I know that in the past couple of sessions, we've had great interest in serving on the Health Committee, and I think that that was part of the basis for my recommendation of adding the additional member, again, not taking anything away from the Government Committee as far as their responsibilities, but as far as a higher threshold. And I think as you look to the future of the issues that the Health Committee is going to address, having an eight-member committee raises that bar from a four-vote advancement to a five-vote advancement, and I think that requires greater consensus, and I think that requires greater coordination within the committee to deal with the proposal before it comes out on the floor. So I would stand in support of Proposal Number 3. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Hudkins, are you...were you finished with your opening? You've heard the opening. Open for discussion on Proposal Number 3. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm not going to be...try to be too parochial here this morning. I did say to the Rules Committee that I would be opposed to reducing the numbers on the Government Committee if we were to do something that was broader-based than this, if, for instance, they did decide to try to incorporate the Urban Affairs Committee into the Government Committee so that that would increase the workload substantially. I should point out, in all fairness, that the Government Committee generally has more bills than Health and Human Services, and in fact, sometimes by a substantial amount. In 1999, for instance, we had 98 bills; Health and Human Services had 64. However, there were two years in which Health and Human Services had three or four more bills...actually four and seven more bills than we did. But generally speaking, Government Committee runs a lot higher in the numbers of bills. I'm not certain that it makes a huge difference whether you have a seven-member committee or an eight-member committee if you have committee members who are willing to be present and to hear the bills and to participate in all the committee discussions. And so the upshot of this is, I'm not going to protest this particular move. I recognize that