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Committees, after discussion, concluded that instead, the method to take was to combine the Retirement Committee with the Banking, Insurance, and Commerce Committee. The combined committee would have two legal counsels. This recommendation was forwarded to the Executive Board. The Executive Board did not concur with this recommendation, and sent it back to the Committee on Committees. During all of this, there was also discussion to, on Wednesdays, have the various committees begin their committee hearings at 2:00 to allow the Retirement Committee more time. This also met with objection. The Committee on Committees met again, and concluded that the best situation was not to change the committee structure at all. Instead, they referred a proposal to the Rules Committee to revert the rules back to the way they were prior to the adoption of permanent rules earlier this session. The Rules Committee held a public hearing, and before in the committee was Senator Schrock, Senator Stuhr, and Patrick O'Donnell, the Clerk of the Legislature. The proposed rules change was discussed, and the Rules Committee voted unanimously to refer the current proposal to the full Legislature for adoption. So, finally, what I've said is, what we are voting on, then, is returning the rules to what they were before any of these proposals were discussed. The Retirement Committee would still meet at the call of the Chair, and the membership numbers of the Government Committee, the Health Committee, and the Retirement Committee would stay as they were. If you have any questions, I would try to answer them for you. And thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Erdman, on the motion, followed by Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. The world is definitely not flat, because we have gone around the world, and here we stand in the exact same spot we did at the beginning of session. I would request to correct Senator Hudkins' comments that the Retirement Committee requested the change, because it was actually I who requested the change, and it was broader than what was actually presented. And Senator Stuhr was a part of that discussion. But I believe, if you'll remember back to the discussion before the Rules Committee, there were a number of