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Duis speaks very eloquently in behalf of the biannual sessions. I went through one of those sessions. It wasn't exactly enjoyable to be here in the middle of summer when I would have preferred to have been on the farm. I think that we have other things to think about. Senator Duis enacted a bill along with Senator Kremer, a very important bill this session. It was not enacted last session, it would perhaps not have been enacted had he had to come back again and go through the entire process over and over and over.

I would hope that we would remember that we do not panic. There has been criticism of the unorganized activity of this body. That's the way it should be. If it were organized we would be subject to the worst kind of criticism. We're not supposed to be organized. We're supposed to, each of us, speak individually, forcefully and with conviction on those issues which are important to us and to the State of Nebraska. I know that there are people here who would say "Well you don't get anything done". I think this Legislature operates very effectively and gets a lot of things done. As Senator Syas has pointed out, the people don't really realize sometimes how much trash we sweep under the rug and get rid of. There are many ideas proposed which I do not approve of, nor do other members of this body approve of. Where do they come from? A multitude of proposals come from agencies of government, some of them from code agencies directly responsible to the Governor. They come every day, and every day, and every day we have more of them.

This Legislature sifts the wheat from the chaff and tries to throw the chaff out, admittedly some of it gets across the board from time to time. The system works well. The system works, I believe, as well as any I know of.

The Nebraska Legislature is responsible. The Nebraska Legislature operates out in the open, in full view of everyone and with full accessibility by the public. No other legislative body that I know of has that accessibility. No other legislative body that I know of provides to an individual member the ability to introduce and enact legislation that is important to himself, his constituents, or to the state.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's a good process. I believe it has worked effectively. There are things I don't like about the annual sessions, but I think it has done this -- it has allowed more individuals to serve because you can get away from your business for a shorter period of time and get back to your own business. It has provided for better staffing, that's something else that the executive does not like. The executive would prefer we had no staff because then we are at the mercy of another branch of government. This Legislature should be well staffed. It should be in operation. We should do as we are doing now. We can correct those problems that are besieging the annual session, but most of all we should stick with the annual session because it gives us a chance to be responsive to the needs of the people and that's why we were elected.