

various national organizations. I think there needs to be a continuity which does not exist under the present system. One senator may be very, very loose in the way he or she would run the committee, and things are just kind of here, there and everywhere, helter skelter. Another may come in and lay out a system whereby various services are provided to senators when they travel, such as advice and maybe even assistance in making hotel and flight arrangements, helping to locate the best bargain in terms of where you have to be, the convenience of getting there and the accommodations that you would need, and that doesn't always mean you get the..you pay the cheapest amount. But at any rate, with the committee being whatever the chairperson decides it is, does not offer anything in the way of continuity, reliability or even accountability. The Executive Board can overrule any negative decision made by that committee chair. It would be better to streamline the Legislature by removing an appendage that should not have been allowed to develop into what it is now and to place that responsibility with the Executive Board which is composed of members from all of the various districts, whatever way we're divided. I don't remember if it's four or three. But at any rate, members on the Executive Board come from all areas of the state, represent all of the senators, and that is the place where this responsibility should rest. You are not then dealing with one person who may have what is considered a very...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...tight and restrictive view of travel and will say, no, you can't do this, I'm not going to approve of that. Some of the senators not wanting to write...rock the boat will just accept it and not travel and not go anywhere. I think we need a broad, liberal interpretation and application of our travel rules with some accountability built in naturally. With the Executive Board, where you don't deal with one individual, there is much less likelihood of a problem. I think if some are concerned about favoritism, you have less of a problem with that when you have a body that represents the whole Legislature instead of one person. Now if I were the chair of that committee, thank whatever Gods there may be that I'm not, I might get irritated at Senator Witek for something she says on the floor, so she would come and say, I would like to go to a conference in Minnesota, and I'd say, no, but there's one in the Salt Flats and I'll send you there, if you want to go.