

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think what I'd like to do is ask for a call of the house, and then I'll make my comments as people are coming in.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Question is, shall the house go under call? All of those in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed vote nay. Question.... Mr. Clerk, record.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The house is under call. Members, please return, the house is under call. Unauthorized parties, please leave the floor. Members in the Chamber, please check and make sure you have checked in. Senator Wesely, there is about four minutes left of your closing time. Do you want to use that, or wait until people come in?

SENATOR WESELY: That's fine, I'll go ahead and use it now and then, we'll...I don't want to take too much time. But I did, Mr. Speaker, want to try and... This has gotten a bit confusing on the discussion. It's because we're taking a number of issues and bringing them together. And I don't know if I can help explain it or not. But, essentially, the underlying resolution before you, it was introduced by Senator Lindsay and, I think, Senator Schimek, to reduce the number of days that we meet, in the long session, from 90 to, I believe, it was 65 days originally. Is that right, Senator Lindsay? And the committee saw that and I had a resolution in to say we can use our time more efficiently and meet in December for a few days and use our time better, and the committee liked that idea. So what they decided was to take the two concepts and blend them together. And that's what the committee amendment tries to do, takes my idea of meeting in December, merges it with Senator Lindsay's idea of limiting the number of days we meet, and attempts to reach a compromise. What they also do is say the limit is 75 days instead of 90 days. My point and my concern when I saw that was, I had introduced the December meeting time, because we can't get our work done as it is even with 90 days. That if we can use the 90 days more efficiently, stretch it farther, that we could get more of the legislation dealt with that we had to and make our decisions with maybe less of the crunch that we have. And so I was not thinking of reducing the 90 days but, in fact, trying to make those 90 days take care of our work better