

future if they care to.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I personally think we ought to think about this a little bit and I think that some of the things that, some of the concerns that have already been brought out, the resolution does not include the members of the Revenue Committee. I think the Oversight Committee has done good work but I also feel that we could have zeroed in, been more effective, probably have done a better job, probably have had more expertise if this would have stayed with the appropriate Standing Committee and in this case it would have been the Revenue Committee. I think we are weakening the power of the Legislature indirectly through these special committees. I think the Legislature, in order for it to be effective, we have to strengthen the committee system rather than weaken it. I think that is how a Unicameral has to work and I think that when we create these special committees in an area that is specific as this Oversight Committee is which is primarily revenue, that function of that committee would be better served in the Revenue Committee than by this special Ad Hoc Committee of committee chairmen. We lose continuity. I think it is more expensive. We duplicate staff. We just, I think, are making a terrible mistake by embarking on this type of endeavor and I have heard a lot of you people on this floor in the past four years lament the fact that the committee system is being weakened. You know any issue of any magnitude, whether it be taxation, whether it be water, Senator Kremer, whether it be banking or whatever, we are going to start creating special committees and bypass the legitimate intended committee that is supposed to act on this. I know there is a lot of sentiment for this. I know it is an important issue. I served on this committee as a committee chairman but I also happen to be on the Revenue Committee, but I really think that we have a tendency and there will be a tendency to delay things through this process rather than by channeling it through the legitimate special committees. So I personally am going to cast a vote against this particular resolution on that basis and I don't want it misunderstood that I don't think this issue is important or I do not think this issue needs to be addressed because in my opinion it is absolutely the most important issue that this Legislature is going to face since I have been in the Legislature and probably in the next four years. This issue seems to be the point of the log jam so I am going to vote against it,