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standing committees, cut down maybe the numbers on the standing committees, assign them to the Committee on Committees, and then make it something worth-while. If you're not going to do this, then I suggest that you adopt Senator Newell's amendment, which would make it effective in 1981. At that time the Legislature knows what's coming at it, and that time you could handle it, but otherwise, for the Committee on Committees to operate like it is today I think is pure folly, because the last thing that happened with the 11 or 12 members on there Senator Savage was constantly having trouble obtaining a quorum...constantly, because too many people in this body are worried about their stomach more than they are about appointments and too often would not carry out their assignment, which many times would become a daily function when all appointments start moving in. That's my speech for the day and for this session up to this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you wish to close on the amendment?

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I'd like to just explain briefly what is involved in this proposed rule...or this change, to put it off until 1980...December 31, 1980. We're trying to diffuse the politics of this situation. The problem will always be for the Legislature that any time the first thing that we do when we organize is elect chairmen of committees, and automatically the chairman of any committee automatically has the responsibility to protect the authority and the responsibility of that committee, as Shirley Marsh is doing today. She's standing up and saying the Committee on Committees ought to maintain that integrity. Well, by putting it off for 2 years we say yes, we will agree that for this ballgame continue with our present situation, but let's make it clear to everyone, and let's make it clear for the next person that runs for the chairmanship of the Committee on Committees that we're going to make this change, and the reason that we're going to make this change is because it's going to strengthen the Legislature. It's going to strengthen the committees. It's going to make the committees better able to work with the administration, and it's going to better provide the opportunity to provide the checks and balances that are so traditional in our democratic form of government. If we look at other states in the union, we'll find that most...most of the fifty states in the union have this type of proposal. The federal Congress works their review process the same way, and I think it would greatly strengthen our very weak committee system, and I think for that reason it is an acceptable and important change. This 2 year provision again is simply to