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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I believe it is probably time to call a spade a spade. I think Senator Newell was very happy to serve on the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee last year as long as we were doing redistricting. This year we're not going to be doing it so he wants to get off. He wants to get on to a committee where he has a majority vote and I think that's the facts of the matter and for that reason I would oppose the change and I will support Senator Fenger.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I would just say this. I think it's perhaps time, Mr. Rules Man, to have a decision of this body as to what our policy will be in the future. This decision, this particular decision, may or may not be important but I think in the future we should know when we are going to make switches and when we are not. It could be possible, now that politics apparently is coming back into the body somewhat, to line up a committee that would be solid one way or the other, whichever way you are thinking and this, of course, would not be good but I think it is time to make a policy decision and hold to it, whatever it is.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh. Senator Kilgarin, pardon me, is first and then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I was simply going to call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: Well, you don't have to do that. Senator Marsh is the only one up. She is going to close.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have made changes in the past. We are not setting new precedence here today. A large majority of the Committee on Committees members who were elected by this body to serve in this capacity has made a motion to present to you today. Unless you have a specific reason which has not been enumerated on the floor and which should be enumerated, no one has come to me with any information as to why this should not take place. I consider it a courtesy move. I am happy with my assignment where I am on the committee. Not each person in this body is pleased. Where an adjustment can be made, it seems reasonable to me to make that change. I move for the adoption of the committee report.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption