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think about as I sit here day, after day in this body where, in reality, I don't belong.

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired, Senator. Unless there is anyone to speak on the Abboud amendment, I'll ask Senator Abboud to close.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yesterday what we observed was a day of chaos. It was a day that the structure of the Legislature did not exist. What I am trying to propose today is to establish some structure, establish a basis where seniority would be the basis of how a particular senator was put on a particular committee. I feel that seniority is the truest test of the merit of a senator because the people back in his district elect that senator. They look at him and he comes back every four years, and they've looked at his record and they say this guy is doing a good job, or this woman is doing a good job, and we'd like to have him back here for another four years. My feeling is that that overrides any of the feelings of the different senators in this body as to whether that senator is meritorious enough to serve on a particular committee. The people back in his district thought that he was. I think that we should follow the wishes of the people and establish that their merit system should be followed. The other choice is chaos and anarchy, which we saw yesterday. I urge the adoption of this rule.

PRESIDENT: Motion is the adoption of the Abboud amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record. Pardon me, Senator? Record vote or a roll call? Record vote is requested.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Abboud requests a record vote. (Read record vote found on pages 93 and 94 of the Legislative Journal.) 9 ayes, 33 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails. Do you have matters to read into the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Mr. President, I have a series of proposed rule changes that I will just assume the members want printed in the Legislative Journal for discussion tomorrow. There is one by Senator Beutler, one by Senator Warner and Senator Beutler, one by Senator Vickers, and I