

SPEAKER NICHOL: My only thinking, Senator Higgins, was that those who wished to contribute, whether they be an urban senator, or a rural senator, or a senator who has been here for quite some time, or if they just have come into the body, that they should have an opportunity to cooperate with us, to have their input in it, and to go and in any way that they can help do it. I think that the situation is that important. I think it is important...perhaps the most important thing we will do this session. We will have to adjourn the Legislature for the days that we are gone anyway because I don't think that we can...including hearings, so I don't think that we can just do this kind of haphazardly and have much success.

SENATOR HIGGINS: How many legislative days will they be gone?

SPEAKER NICHOL: I'd have to guess at that now. I'm guessing three.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Three.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Let me also add, Senator Higgins, so that I'll paint the picture quite clearly and that is that I understand that Washington is not all that active on Monday and Friday. So it would target toward the middle of the week. You know what that does when we have a Monday and a Friday here. So from three to five days I am saying to you, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, Mr. Speaker, I don't even know who the 30 are that want to go. I know that you mentioned that the Chairman of the Committee on Committees, Senator Chronister, this was going to put him in a tough position. I'm on Committee on Committees. I don't like to also have to decide who is going to get to go. I know that two senators from my district...or rather from our caucus area, not my personal district, are on the Agriculture Committee, that they have agricultural constituents. But I'm just wondering, if we keep this up, I just keep thinking of the Governor saying how we've got to cut down on expenses, and I keep thinking of how everybody says, let's broaden the tax base. We are the leaders and we're going to spend more money, and more money, and more money. I don't have anything at all against the agricultural senators going back to Washington. I really don't. I think it is a crucial