

the Appropriations Committee meet jointly but, as I understand it and I've talked to Senator Warner, one committee or the other had jurisdiction. It was not joint jurisdiction during the session. This, to my knowledge, has not happened before. We can talk about the Commonwealth Committee. That was a special committee formed which was two committees, the Banking Committee and the Executive Board, but it was a special committee formed and approval was given on the floor of the Legislature to consider, not just one bill, but to consider the whole Commonwealth situation. So that is not a precedent in this case. Senator Beutler, and I assume you have your light on, will you tell me that I'm wrong when I see you sacrificing objectivity in the rule situation here that we have. I find that very disturbing. The rules are very clear. Nowhere do the rules say put the bill in the committee where it has the best chance of survival. That is exactly what is happening here. We have people out behind the glass who have been lobbying you. I realize that, even though I may be right, my chances of winning are very slender. But I cannot let this pass without pointing out what we are doing here. We are in contravention of the rules. We are doing it for a specific purpose. Some people are saying that the end justifies the means. I say that should not be true. It should not be allowed to happen and that the bill should go to Education Committee. Now some people I talked to did not even know that these are reorganization bills. Senator Vard Johnson, in his bill, has one paragraph in the beginning which does have to do with taxation. It talks about farmland. There is one paragraph, about six or seven lines, that talks about farmland valuation. Then the rest of the bill is completely devoted to the elimination of Class I schools. Now that, I think, and correct me if I'm wrong, that was a ploy in order to get it in Revenue Committee. It is also unconstitutional if you would pass such a bill because the Constitution states that you will not have two subjects in a bill. This, in my opinion, clearly is two subjects. I'm sorry the bills are not printed. The reason they are not printed is because they have not been referred. I do have one copy of each of the bills which I would gladly show you that it does have two subjects, that the reason it does have two subjects, in my opinion, is to make it more palatable to go to another committee. I ask you don't let this happen. There are other ways to get these bills on the floor. There are ways. If the committee is hung up on a 4-4 vote, then you can pull it out of committee with