

to call to the attention of this body that judges salaries are a tax issue. We increase the taxes. Where did that bill go? To Judiciary. Now why didn't that bill go to Revenue if Senator Johnson is so firm and such a believer in these tax issues should go to Revenue. So I say that blows, right there, his theory of Revenue should handle tax bills. Number two, we have one person from the Exec...Education Committee on the Executive Board. One person is going to be represented from the Education Committee to the Executive Board. How are you going to get any feed in that way? I have a solution. Let's refer the bill to the Revenue and the Educational Committee and stop all of this whatever is going on. Some people say there are things going on. I'm not going to commit to that. I'm going to be a gentleman this morning. So let's just put it to the Education Committee and the Revenue Committee, have that joint committee take care of it. Now you are going to hear Senator Beutler stand up and quote to you two pieces of the law, 5404 and 5405; 5404 says special committees for civil or criminal actions, civil or criminal actions. That is what the Commonwealth Committee dealt with. Section 5405 says the Legislative Council's duties, the Legislative Council, 5402 says the Legislative Council. We are the Legislative Council, all of us, not the Executive Board. It has been in the past that the Executive Board takes care of things during the interim, when we are not meeting as a body, which is fine. I go along with that. But I think that maybe they are overstepping the intent of the Executive Board and the Legislative Council just a smidgen because I don't believe they belong in this issue, or any issue on a bill, unless, as it says in the law, civil or criminal. So I would suggest seriously to this body...I'll ask a question. Senator Beutler, would you object to this bill being referred to the Education and the Revenue Committee?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, I asked Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Oh, excuse me. Senator Beutler, would you respond? Did you want to ask Senator Beutler a question?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, would you respond please.