

efficient way to go about our business. We would have been done with our work by the 12th of December, meeting on the 10th, meeting the 10th, 11th and 12th and ending on the 12th and that would have given us a couple of weeks before Christmas and the holiday season to deal with the Christmas shopping and the holiday work that we have to do. Nobody is suggesting that we meet and work through the holidays. That is ridiculous. We are talking about meeting for a couple, three days, and at that it is totally a decision of the Legislature how long we meet, and when we come back and what sort of things we do. This only authorizes the Legislature to take advantage of an earlier meeting date. So with that, I don't know what more I can say. You all know the process. You have all been through it and you all remember what it was like to be a freshman. You all remember what it was like this last session to get ready for this session, waiting for the chairmanships to be decided and waiting for the committee assignments to be made, waiting for room assignments, waiting for the staff assignments, waiting for so many different things and not being able to really act. We wasted time. We are now well through the session and really haven't accomplished that much. Very few bills have been passed. There have only been Revisor bills that we have actually passed. Many other issues await us and time is running out. I ask your support for this amendment. I would appreciate it very much and hope you will consider it fairly.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rex Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose my good friend, Senator Wesely's, idea. He mentioned what would have happened this year but he forgot to tell you that we were here December third and fourth. So that means we had all that travel and all that expense, then we would have come back on the tenth. He forgot to mention that. Then we have got to look at the cost of bringing in the staff and bringing in the senators. Now just the travel will be ten or twelve thousand dollars. And he said we might be here a few days, two or three days. He didn't know for sure. Well, the constitutional amendment doesn't say how many days we are going to be here. So we could be here two weeks. Nobody knows how long we are going to be here. He mentioned we all know what it is like to be a freshman. Sure, we all went through it. We have been going...everybody has been going through it for years and