

who our speaker is and all those kinds of things. The thing that is missing in this discussion and the thing that is missing on the sample calendar that Senator Wesely has provided to us and the thing that is important to the people out there is that they have enough time to understand what the issues are that are before us, that they have enough time to understand what the bills are that we have got introduced. That is the reason for our rules that asks us to recess for five calendar days. If we are going to talk about making this change, I would suggest to you we had ought to understand that in order to make it better for the system we are going to have to stay in session long enough that first part of December to get all of our bills introduced and then go home for two or three weeks and let the folks understand what has been introduced. Under the mechanism that is before us right now, under the calendar that Senator Wesely puts out, we have got two days to introduce bills. Well, how many bills get introduced the first two days? A lot more the last day, I would suggest to you. It seems to me that we had ought to have some period to get them all introduced, then the committee chairmen would have an opportunity to group those bills according to issues whether they were the first introduced or the last, and plenty of time for the people to understand it. Now if we are going to do that under this mechanism, it seems to me we are going to be in session up until almost Christmas. Now I don't know how it is with you folks, but I like to have an opportunity sometime after the elections in November to have a series of town hall meetings and those kinds of things back in my district. And it is really difficult to get things put together, particularly in December because of all the other demands on our time, school programs, church programs, families getting together, shopping and all those wonderful things. I think we are putting into play something that just fundamentally cannot work unless we are willing to give up all of those things that we do during the month of December and stay here long enough to get all the bills introduced. That is the only way I am going to support this particular measure. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: About a minute. Senator Lamb, then Senator Pappas after that.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, I move to indefinitely postpone the bill...or the resolution and I think some of the opponents have presented some good arguments as to why