

in that, but you are very much involved in the musical chairs that goes on with regard to room assignments and with regard to staffing patterns and staffing assignments and wastebaskets and the whole works and it would be very good to get that out of the way so that by the third legislative day you were sitting down here in Lincoln ready to do business and that can happen if we have this pattern of taking a couple of days in December electing our leadership, letting the musical chairs play itself out and then we are ready for business on the third day. Now the other thing that I wanted to speak to was the subject of saving time. It has been asserted on the floor that this doesn't save time at all and I think that that is clearly not the case. If you came down here in December and allowed the introduction of bills for a couple of days, then the committee could set those bills for hearing. They could even set them before the next legislative day if they wanted to, but in any event, by the third legislative day you would be holding hearings. By the fourth legislative day you could have some of the easier bills up on the floor and be working on them. If you recall what has happened this session, the first ten days we worked on almost no substantive matters on the floor, Revisor's bills excepted, those aren't really substantive, simply because the process doesn't allow it. You have to have so many days to give notice for the hearings. By virtue of giving those notices, it is always the eighth or ninth or tenth legislative day before we are dealing with substantive legislation on the floor of the Legislature. If you organize a couple of days in December, by the fourth legislative day you can have regular bills up on the floor and be hearing them. I think that that is a...if you believe that you need as much time as possible to intelligently deal with the workload that we have, here is a means of building in a little more time that we can use in a thoughtful kind of way on the actual legislation by adopting this particular rule change. I support the rule change.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hannibal and then Senator Conway.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I have had a chance to think about this proposal for a couple of years now too and maybe I am going to change my mind because Senator Warner did come by and tell me that if we did have this change and we had the Appropriations Committee set before Christmas, we could probably meet all through the