

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 23. The first item I have on the bill is an amendment by Senator Lamb. Senator Lamb would move to amend. His amendment is found on page 586 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: May we have order in the Chamber, please. We'll quiet you down. (Gavel.) The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, this is a very simple amendment. This would reduce the number of legislative days from 90 to 80. It's really not very difficult to understand. This...I think some of the proponents of this resolution have indicated that this body will operate much more efficiently if we start in December and I guess I can't completely argue with that. So I'm proposing that instead of a 90-day session we have an 80-day session. We'd have an 80 and a 60. When we were in Washington I picked up the newspaper and Virginia had just adjourned sine die. They had a 46-day session. Now South Dakota adjourned last Saturday I believe it was, a week ago Saturday, and I don't have all the numbers but I think you're familiar with the fact that Wyoming and a number of other states have shorter sessions than we do. I hope we don't spend a lot of time on this. This is the sort of thing that could be debated and you can have a numbers game you know, you go from 80 to 85 and back down to 70 and that sort of thing, but I'll just throw this out for your consideration. If we're going to ask the public to approve a constitutional amendment which allows us to start in December, we should have such a head start on the session that we could get our business finished in ten days less.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely. We're discussing the amendment by Senator Lamb. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, members, I know Senator Lamb is trying to make a point and he is having a good time. I'd reject this amendment. We will try and be more efficient with the time that we've got now, but the problem is simply this, as you all know sitting through hearings till six and seven at night that the workload is unbelievable as it is to cut ten more days out. We will be more efficient I think through this proposal, but that's under the present time frame that we have. We are already