

ought to be composed of citizens who have to spend a part of their time in an occupation that keeps your perspective I think on proposed legislation more in tune with reality and more importantly, I think the biennial sessions...I know they did, I remember it well, that biennial sessions permitted individuals to keep their own occupation much better intact than has been true of annual sessions. It, obviously, also would have a substantial savings in cost, but I wouldn't propose it necessarily just for that, but I think that is also true. So I would ask that if you place the resolution on General File, we would not need to take it up again then until the 1986 session.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lee Rupp.

SENATOR RUPP: Mr. President and colleagues, I will also be brief. I guess if this were a committee hearing, I would be testifying in a neutral position at this point because I have mixed emotions about this, really no strong feelings one way or the other, but I would like to explain a little bit. Senator Warner alluded to what our concerns were in committee and this is basically what they were. First of all, I think we all have to respect his thoughts on this because he has been here longer than any of us, understands the system better than any of us, and, more importantly, he has seen this gradually, slowly evolve into more or less almost a full-time job. Even though I voted for Senator Wesely's constitutional amendment a while back because I think it made sense, I have a sneaking, uneasy suspicion that that might have been one more little step down the road to making this a full-time job completely. Senator Warner mentioned one of the committee objections was that there was a no time limit, that we had all heard these stories about the last year, 1969 I believe, that the session went into September. That rule was one of our concerns but it wasn't our biggest concern. Quite frankly, our biggest concern was this, that this would preclude...the biennial session running into the summer would preclude some members from serving in the Legislature and I think primarily of young grain farmers like Senator Baack, Senator Miller, Senator Rod Johnson and so forth, that there would be no way they could serve. Every other year would be fine when there would be no session but the year that we were in session they would almost be out of business as far as planting any row crops. So that was our big concern. I guess we are at a point in the session now where we are thinking that maybe