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PRESIDENT: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...depending upon the committees that you may have interest in, and quite frankly the system may be working well enough for you at this time that you can serve on those committees and still take a look at this issue. But I think that overall I can't see that the system is broke down so badly at this particular point that the system can't work the way it is without changes. But, as I said, I can live under any system I guess. But...

PRESIDENT: Your time is expiring.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...I think the system works pretty well as it is, as I've tried to point out.

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired. Thank you. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, it seems as if we always have to have motions for reconsideration on these difficult things, and that is maybe the way it will always be. But I would encourage you, once again, to have the confidence of your own judgement. I hope it is your own judgement that you are dealing with today, I hope it is not the judgement of influences outside of the Legislature because those influences, my friend, don't have the Legislature as an institution foremost in their minds. They have their own narrow interests foremost in their minds. But I hope that we will put first the Legislature and the Legislature as an institution, and that the first question we will raise is how will this institution act best over the years, what structure will facilitate the processing of quality legislation. I continue to think that maybe there is a misunderstanding about the process. The rule change that you put in place basically only does one thing, it only limits you in one way. The way that it basically limits you is that we no longer have a Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee. Now it is true that the name of the Ag Committee is changed from Ag and Environment to Ag, but don't forget the whole second part of the process which is coming up, and which I hope you will have confidence in, and that second part of the process is the process by which we all get together with Senator Chronister and the Committee on