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We've made numerous trips. I have made numerous statements, we all have. Ask yourself, what have we really done. I can't borrow \$10 from my bank today if I wanted to and neither can a lot of my neighbors and they are saying where the hell is all that help that we are supposed to get from government. Well, Senator Remmers and others, if the Agriculture Committee is so important to you, then put your money where your mouth is, do something. We haven't and I'm a member of the Agriculture Committee. That is a phony argument and we all know it. I've served, in the length of time that I've been here, I've probably served on more of the standing committees than hardly anybody else. I just counted them up. I've served on Education, I've served on Public Works, I've served on Urban Affairs, on Constitutional Revision, on Government, on Labor...Business and Labor, and on Agriculture and I can't think of any of those committees that I have served on that my interest was only in that area. I was interested in other areas as well. All of this is phony to the outside, except for those people that want to have their issues go to certain committees, and we all know it, that are controlled by the people on that committee, they think. It is a matter of politics, it is a matter of who is the chairman, who are the other people on the committee. Is recreation important enough to have its own little piece of the action? Well, maybe it is to some people. Is there anything wrong with combining it with something else in order to even out our work load, into making more sense out of the way we reference bills? I don't think there is. Is constitutional amendment so important that we had ought to have it a specific committee, regardless of the subject matter of the constitutional amendment? I don't think it is because when I served on that committee we had to think about the subject matter of every one of those issues. I don't see that there is anything wrong with sending it to a...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...subject matter committee, if it is a constitutional amendment, raising the question of should we deal with that there. I would argue that if we had had it done, made this change in the past, that Agriculture Committee that we seem to be so concerned about would have been the committee that the whole question over the years about the corporate involvement in agriculture would have gone to, particularly if it was a constitutional amendment.