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The issue of Initiative 300 would have gone to the Agriculture Committee. If the Agriculture Committee is so important that is probably where it should have gone I would argue. Now it seems to me we are arguing on both sides here. I think that the structure that we propose makes a lot of sense. It might not be politically expedient and, yes, it does cause us to rattle our own cage and have a lot of mixed emotions about that change. But if you would simply examine it in the issue of what is the most sensible way to try to handle the subject matters, then I think you would agree that at least the change that we decided last Monday starts us down that road and in that direction. I urge you to reject the reconsideration motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, I wanted to be sure of my facts, so I asked Senator Morehead how did this come about. She said there was an interim study by the Rules Committee and the Executive Board and, of course, the first thing that was brought to our attention was the fact that we want to even out the work load of the committees. I'll draw your attention, senators, to your rule book, under Section 4, subsection C and then I. The Committee on Committees shall have authority to call before it a committee chairperson and, and this is it, discuss the work load of said committee. I am a member of the Committee on Committees. Senator Vickers, you are exactly right, this is politics. Who, in their omniscience, decided that the work load of the committee should be decided by the Executive Board and by the Rules Committee when the rules themselves say the Committee on Committees will discuss the work load. Why was the Executive Board even involved in it? Maybe it is time to call a spade a spade and look at some of the things this Exec Board has done. They are beginning to take charge, entirely, of everything that goes on in this Legislature. The Exec board, in their omniscience, decided that any new senator will not have a legislative aide the first four years he serves or she serves, the one person who needs a legislative aide the most. That is the Exec Board's ruling. It seems to me that this Legislature ought to wake up to the fact that once in awhile we ought to challenge the Exec Board and say hold on a minute, we think the Legislature as a whole should have a discussion in this. But what I resent most is using the excuse that we have to balance out the work load. Maybe Senator Chronister was