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this long delayed committee restructuring suggests senators may be friendlier to logical change than some had thought, so said the Lincoln Journal on Tuesday, January 14. I would like to continue to be counted as one of the logical senators, and I oppose the reconsideration. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely. The speaking lineup after this is Senator Warner, Lamb, Beutler, Morehead, Chronister, et al. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, I'll be brief. I wasn't here for the discussion when you adopted this rule and I want to commend the Legislature for taking that action. I came back to read about it and felt that that was a very impressive step that you took. So to reconsider at this point, I think, would, instead of a step forward, would be in fact a step back to the status quo which many of us feel comfortable with. It is difficult to feel good about change when you are uncertain what its implications are. But certainly change is in order. We talked a long time about some of the different problems with our committee structure. A lot of different problems have come up, varieties in work load, lots of things that we've all been aware of for some time, and this is the first constructive step we've ever taken to deal with that. I think the change now is a mistake. I, for one, support the Format II concept because of one committee I am particularly concerned with and that is now the Public Health and Welfare Committee, soon to be the Health and Human Services Committee. One of the things that really appealed to me with that effort is that we are now going to try to move all children's issues under one committee. I think many of us realize how children's issues have emerged as a major concern in our state and our nation today, yet we disperse those issues among a number of different committees, children's issues such as abuse and child support and different child care issues, and on and on. Children are becoming a key concern of Americans, yet we have not been able to focus in on the issue as we should in this state because of the dispersion of the issue. So one of the things this change does allow for, which I think is good for all of us, is to concentrate children's issues in one committee and allow us to focus in on that concern that many Nebraskans have and try and deal with those multifaceted issues that involve children. So that issue has appealed to