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resources. I think that is a pretty good proposal, I think it is in keeping with the direction we are going as a nation and in keeping with the direction that we are going as a state. I don't think, as some people have suggested, that this is a particular threat to agriculture. Coming from my end of the state if we didn't have agriculture we wouldn't have much of anything else. I think the responsibility of the Agriculture is to focus on agriculture. They probably have as important a mission as any committee in here. We all know that not all the work is done on the day of that hearing. So I think that it is a reasonable change, it allows a capable committee and a capable chairman to continue to focus strictly on that issue. I'm not the least bit concerned about whatever implications there might be for what we've done to agriculture. I think we've, if anything, allowed them to focus on what we really need from them and that is full-time focusing on agriculture. So I would urge you to reject this reconsideration and to give us a chance to take advantage of the opportunities to deal with the issues that face us in the future. It is a little frightening to give up some things in the past. We are all going to give up a few things, I suppose, that we were comfortable with and that we liked. But I think the opportunities are there and we ought to take advantage of them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit. Senator Lundy is next.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I probably more than most of you have resisted to change over the years, and I have, I think, in most instances liked to proceed in the usual pattern, therefore, I know that some of you are perhaps concerned and surprised that I would support the change. I think it is also of interest to many of you that my principle interests are agriculture and banking and public works. To the casual observer it would appear that those committees have been restructured to a lesser degree of importance. I would just like to say that over the many years that I served as chairman of the Agriculture Committee I would have liked very much if it would have been possible for me to have served on Public Works. At the present time it will be possible for those of us who have a strong interest in agriculture to serve on Natural Resources. I want to remind many of you now who are staunchly defending agriculture that