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SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam Chair. As the Clerk explained to you, you have seen...everyone has had a copy of the appointments to the committees, but at this time because of the amendments, I am asking to have the Committee on Committees report on senators' committee assignments referred back to the Committee on Committees for further consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I support Senator Crosby's motion to refer the report back to committee because of...I think I am carrying most of the...or several of the proposed changes. This process is probably better than trying to amend on the floor. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. May I ask the Clerk how many changes that are requested?

CLERK: Senator, I have three pending amendments to it.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Three pending amendments, yes. Members of the Legislature, as long as I have been in the body in 14 years, this has been an accepted method of senators being able to achieve the committees that they really want to be on. I can remember Senator Dierks, when he was a freshman, swapping with someone. There have been numerous occasions and numerous decisions by Committee on Committees that, indeed, were enhanced by individual senators making those decisions to trade. I don't think it reflects on the Committee on Committees. As I understand, they go around, they have certain slots, and they fill those slots. Many times as they get to the end, they can give freshmen one committee that they want but not all of the committees that they want. It has been my experience that none has been rejected, that when the Committee on Committees report comes out, those motions are perfunctorily accepted, so that the senators, quite frankly, are happier with their assignments. And I would think that senators who have a greater interest in their committees, indeed, would make better members of that committee and be better able to deal on that committee. I do happen to have a motion up there. Quite frankly, a freshman senator who wanted Government appeared in my office on another