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matter and we decided to make the swap. I think sending it back to committee would, indeed, I would think open it again to more amendments when it came back from the committee. I don't know if the committee is in a better...is better able to make everybody happy than it is right now. I guess I am puzzled that at this point we would change what has seemed to be a good system in the past. The Committee on Committees projects from their representatives those people who want to be on committees knowing they cannot satisfy everyone, but it is only later that, through discussion, other senators can find that happy solution, so to speak. I am going to oppose the Committee on...this motion to return it to Committee on Committees, and I hope you will too. And I hope, indeed, that if two senators agreed to switch, that you will support that.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I cannot imagine how a committee can be adversely affected because of a senator switch. I'd like to hear an argument as to why this should not be just perfunctorily and readily accepted by the body. So I hope those who have an argument to that effect would stand up and tell me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Withem, followed by Senators Crosby, Bernard-Stevens, and Roback. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam President and members of the body. I am supporting the motion to return the committee report to the Committee on Committees. Senator Pirsch indicated that this is normally done in a fairly perfunctory fashion, to accept these, and I think she might be right in the past, I don't know. But I think one thing that is missing this time is that I...normally these sorts of changes are run past the members of the Committee on Committees as to whether they fit within whatever standards the members of the Committee on Committees followed when they made the recommendations that went into the report. That hasn't happened yet. I think what the Committee on Committees is asking is that we have an opportunity to take a look at the recommendations. It may be when all 13 members of the Committee on Committees sit around the table and discuss these changes that they all will be agreed to. They may be, in fact, perfunctory or there may be some concerns, I don't know. As a member of the Committee on Committees, having not had the opportunity to address the changes that affect our caucus, I