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SENATOR PIRSCH: Obviously, not seniority or previous service, is that correct?

SENATOR WITHEM: Those are things that are considered, yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: That are considered?

SENATOR WITHEM: Certainly.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Or not? Okay, thank you, Senator Withem. I just want to point out that the standards, indeed, are political and, indeed, I would hope that the Committee on Committees, as a whole, would have a general view of the entire committee appointments. I think also there is another standard that maybe you should look at. I think you should look at seniority. I think you should look at experience. I think you should look at what constituents want their senator to represent. I know we take that into consideration in Agriculture, with our rural. We have taken that into consideration in the past in Judiciary, where we have had five from one caucus because, indeed, many of those who have an interest in the Judiciary Committee have come from that. So it is not unprecedented for five to come from the same caucus in Judiciary. Indeed, I know that in other committees other criteria are taken into consideration. I have a question for Senator Crosby, if she should yield.

SENATOR CROSBY: All right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Crosby, is it your intention that when...if this is referred to the Committee on Committees, that it will, indeed, come before this body again...

SENATOR CROSBY: Of course, of course, the final...

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...and ready for amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...report will be brought back.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Open for amendment again,...

SENATOR CROSBY: Of course.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...and not just a closed...

SENATOR CROSBY: Right.