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amendment?

SENATOR FISHER: I will go ahead and request that we withdraw that amendment at this time.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn.

CLENK: I have nothing further pending to the report as offered by the Committee on Committees, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: We are now on the adoption of the report. Senator Pirsch, do you wish to speak.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I guess the criteria for the Committee on Committees is really and the standards that we talked about are punish Pirsch. That is an interesting standard. I realize not all the Committee on Committees, and I realize that there are those who live west, who are concerned that they do not have representation on the Judiciary Committee. I am sure that you will find good upstanding reasons, if you want to, to punish Pirsch. I wonder why. Is it because I ran for Business and Labor Committee without the dual blessing of the powers that be? Is it because I vote against the repeal of the death penalty regularly and, indeed, am very vocal in that? You will find members on the committee that are known to...too, now probably that issue will come out of committee. Can it be that our extra senators, the lobbyists, have a fine hand in this, that Senator Pirsch is pretty darn independent and doesn't always vote things out of committee the way she should, and that the freshmen have been he ped by some of these lobbyists in their newly finished campaigns? Our new Judiciary Chairman did not want Senator Pirsch on the committee? I don't know. I have a lot of questions, but I also have a lot of anger. I know that precedence has been if two senators want to change, it is done. I do know that this has been done before...this has not been done before that it goes back to the Committee on Committees. I do know that this is an extraordinary action, and I would hope that the majority of this body would not support that. And I want to send a message to those people, those citizens out in Nebraska, this is the way you keep people in line; this is the way, if you do not go along to get along, this is what happens to you. And I will tell you the term limitation is not going to be as much of an effect or not do the effective thing when you have lobbyists and other interests who go on forever, and who