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this has been a learning experience. I was told that changes before this time had gone without a hitch, and I question that at this time and at this place that this is where these changes should be made. If changes are made to rules, then I would vote to go ahead and make all three changes at this time, and then make the rules changes and go along on that avenue, rather than allowing two changes and not three changes. So I will not agree with the committee report either.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have my glasses on this morning because they make me appear more benign and grandfatherly, when you consider the liberal sprinkling of gray in my hair, and I want to come off as a sage, and a very wise person this morning, so I want the outer accoutrements to help me portray that picture. But I had handed out something to all of the senators, but it especially was aimed at the new ones, and it came from the World-Herald, January 6th, and the headline of this column written by David Broder of the Washington Post was "Shortly, the Freshman Eagles Will Be Decidedly Deflated." It was talking about Congress, but I wrote this little rhyme on the column, as my new colleagues will find out that on occasion I do. "Mint new colleagues, lend me your ear. I have no desire to spite your cheer nor rouse anxiety and fear. But do you see a message here." When new people come down here, individuals will take them under their wing and give them a misrepresentation of how things are, who is in, who is out, who has power, who doesn't, and since they don't know anything, have no experiential background against which to weigh these representations, they swallow hook, line and sinker what is told to them. Whether it is a member of the Legislature or a lobbyist, they wind up bringing atrocious bills, which as they wind their way through the process, the introducer will find out what an atrocious bill it was, and say, gee, I didn't know. So that's a part of being new. But I am going to tell you where Senator Pirsch offended me. I am the one who has called down imprecations on the heads of my worthless colleagues for treating me unfairly and not voting me Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, when I had more experience, knowledge, and ability than anybody else who got it. I am the one who has verbally played the worthless hides of my esteemed, but at those times not so esteemed, colleagues. I have put myself in a position to feel that I have been punished. So how can somebody who has not played the members of the Legislature, who has not