## Appendix A.4

Responses by Legislators to the Question:
List three changes that you would like to see in legislative practice and procedure.

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Major Category		Comments
Bill Assignment	House	Assign bills to committees based on jurisdiction
Bill Assignment	House	Send bills to comm. Before introduced
		Senate to assign bills to appropriate committees, that will give
Bill Assignment	House	them a fair chance to be debated
Bill Assignment	Senate	Assignment of bills to proper jurisdiction
Bill Assignment	Senate	Bill assignment to committee
Bill Assignment	Senate	Impartial assignment of bills to committees
		Allowing committee chairmen to kill bill without having bill
Bill Assignment	Senate	reassigned.
		The budget should be passed in the first 15 days of session
Budgeting	House	before any other issues are brought before the legislature.
Budgeting	House	Biennial budgets
Budgeting	House	Budgets based on actual revenue from previous FY
G	**	Put less authority in the leadership hands and more authority
Caucuses, Role Of	House	to the respective party caucuses.
Caucuses, Role Of	House	Expand majority and minority caucus roles
	TT	Caucuses should choose what committees its members serve
Caucuses, Role Of	House	on.
Chair Assignment	House	Nonpartisan committee chair assignments
C	TT	Allow caucuses to make committee assignments (Dem and
Comm. Assignments	House	GOP)
Comm. Assignments	House	Committee assignments by expertise not by party affiliation
Comm. Assignments	Senate	Committees with a fair representation of all Senators
		Legislative leadership and committee appointments must
Comm. Assignments Plus	Sanata	reflect also years of legislative service (seniority rule) by the member
Comm. Operations	House	More public hearings
Comm. Operations	House	Longer committee meetings for major committees
Comm. Operations	House	If committee numbers remain, rotate weeks for meetings.
Comm. Operations	House	Committee restructure. Fewer committees, more working
Comm. Operations	Senate	sub-committees.
Comm. Time	Senate	More committee time
Comm. Time	Schate	No conference committee report can be voted upon until
Confer Reports & Votes	Senate	every legislator has the written report at his or her desk.
Conflict Of Interests	House	Stronger conflict of interest laws/standards
Commet of mercus	110 450	Change ways constitutional amendments are voted on. If the
Constitutional		issue only effects one county, whole state should not have to
Amendments	House	vote on it.
Equipment	House	Telephones on each House desk within the chamber
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Info Access	House	Information should be supplied equally to all members
Leadership, General	House	Less control by leadership
Legislature/Agency		More interaction between Dept. staff and legislators
Interactions	House	(Medicaid, MH, DHR, ALDOT, etc)
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Lobbies	Major Category	Chamber	Comments
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Major Category	Chamber	Comments
Space, Office & Comm.	House	Better committee meeting facilities
Space, Office & Comm.	Senate	Greater support capacity for members and for committees
Staff	House	Staff for legislators
Staff	House	More staff
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		Legislators should be provided more staff for constituent
Staff	Senate	services.
Staff, Assignment Of	House	Assignment of staff by seniority
Staff, Clerical	House	More clerical support for House members
		Senate has private secretaries; only 6 for House of
Staff, Clerical	House	Representatives
Staff, Clerical	House	Provide more clerical help
Staff, Clerical	House	Secretary for representatives
Staff, Clerical	House	Secretarial help
Staff, Clerical	House	More sec. staff to help with constituents
Staff, Clerical	Senate	1 secretary per each Senator
Staff, Res. & Member	House	Research and staff support for members
Staff, Res. & Member	House	Increase research and secretarial help for House members
Staff, Research	House	Hire more research assistants to do research
Staff, Research	House	Need staff for research and mark-up of bills and resolution.
Staff, Research	House	More research staff
		Analysis is provided and available for discussion on the floor
Staff, Research	House	when amendments are offered.
		Analysis is available on the floor for interpreting and
a aa a		explaining the impact that amendments have on the specific
Staff, Research	House	bill.
		The Legislature should have a Research Division comprised
C4- CC D1-	0	of professional civil servants (non-partisan) and available
Staff, Research	Senate	only to legislators.
Staff, Research	Senate	More non-partisan staff
		A legislative session should start late in the morning or after
Time	Senate	lunch so that committee meetings can meet in the morning of a legislative day.
Time, Floor	House	More time in House for debate (true debate).
Time, Pioor	House	Publish special order calendars at least 24 hours before the
Time, Notices	Senate	meeting day begins.
Time, rodices	Schate	Announce committee meeting times <u>and agendas</u> at least 24
Time, Notices	Senate	hours before the meeting begins.
Time, Notices	Senate	A calendar (agenda) 24 hrs. in advance
Time, Quorum Calls	House	Time on quorum call
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Time, Research	House	needs more time to be research
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