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Committees can become stagnant with the same membership year after year, so it is healthy to make an occasional change, he said. But it is not a good idea to play "merry-goround" with important committees, because it takes awhile for new members to get acquainted with the issues, he added.

When the issue was brought to a vote Monday night on a motion by Stein to limit aldermanic finance board membership to two one-year terms, Brody voted against the motion with the three aldermen whose appointments are being challenged.

Brody said it is inconsistent to single out the finance advisory board when there are other important committees with no limit on aldermanic membership. Also, the citizen members of the finance board have no membership limit, he said.

The aldermen challenging the mayor's appointments do not necessarily want to replace all three aldermen on the finance board. Chronopoulos said a rotation of aldermanic members should be adopted, with one alderman replaced every couple of years.

Larry Beaty, executive vice

president of the First National Bank in DeKalb, has been on the finance board for three years. His term will expire next year, at which time he could be reappointed.

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Beaty said Tuesday he would oppose the replacement of all

three aldermen on the board, but not just one.

"If they wanted to replace one, I could understand that,"

he said.