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I should have that right to do it. I think that we could have a gentlemen's agreement that the speaker would have this authority as we have in the past few days. I really don't know as we need this. We're tying our hands when we put it in the rules.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach will close debate by way of reply.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, again let me stress I'm not seeking any dictatorial powers of any nature here today at all. Let me refer to Senator Salburg of North Dakota, where they do have this rule. They do have it in Kansas. They have it in many of our surrounding states that in the legislature the majority leader or the speaker has the sole authority to adjourn. Senator Salburg of North Dakota says if you want a calendar, how can you complete a calendar if you don't have the control. You just as well throw it out the first window you come to. If you can adjourn at 11 o'clock, or 11:45, or 11:30, and not complete your daily calendar. I'm asking for this authority only within reason. Within reason I'm saying not 12:30, not 12:00, not 1:30. I can assure no one can persuade me to stay here till 1:00 or 1:30, or withhold the motion for adjournment till such a time. I urge you, make this a rule . . . a rule change so that we can have a calendar. I hope that I can produce a proper working calendar with the proper tools.

PRESIDENT: The question is, to change the rule to provide that the speaker shall have the right to make the motion for adjournment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Senator Burbach makes a motion for call of the House. Record Mr. Clerk. The question is shall the House be put under call. Record your vote.

CLERK: Senators Lewis and Clark asked to be excused. Senator Rasmussen went to the Attorney General's office. Senator Kennedy, I think, left. Senator Kennedy asked to be excused at 12:05.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach asked that the call be raised. Senator Burbach would you withdraw your motion then to put the House under call? Alright. It is withdrawn.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 16 nays in the original motion.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. The rule is not adopted.

CLERK: . . . read in a motion Senator Luedtke asked to have inserted in the Journal, Mr. President. Your committee on Public Health to whom was referred LB 83 instructs me to report the same to the Legislature with the recommendation that it be advanced to General File as amended; LB 192 General File; and LB 75 indefinitely postponed. Signed, Senator Kennedy, Chairman.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to be excused on Monday until 10:30. Signed, Senator Koch.

That's all Mr. President.