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PRESIDENT: Senator F. Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, this is not news to the Speaker, I talked to him and he said that he had the set order, so I wanted to kind of plead my case, and I understand the problems when we start jockeying with bills, and I apologize, but let me explain the circumstances. We had the bill set for a week ago Friday I believe and I had at that time thought that I had requested that we set it for yesterday and we by-passed that opportunity. I could have exchanged it for 350 but I was under the assumption that we could debate the bill yesterday. I think that it is an important bill that should be disposed of and I think that it is a timely bill where the effect of whether or not we have it has in my judgment has some economic circumstances on this state. It is not a personal bill that will do something in my district. It is a bill of state wide concern and I would ask that you consider it on the basis that I had previously scheduled it a week and a half ago and so many members were gone that I didn't think that it was fair to consider it at that time. I secondly thought that it was scheduled for yesterday, which was a mistake on my part and again let me say that I conferred with the Speaker about this. I told him of my intentions and he said that he had no objections if I got the 25 votes from the Legislature to change the legislative order. I hope that I have stated that correctly Senator Burbach.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would simply rise to support Senator Lewis' motion which was LB350 and it was up and if you recall I did mention placing behind 349 the proper suggestion would have been to replace 350 with 349 and considered at that time, because 349 eliminates entirely the need for 350. Accordingly I would support Senator Lewis' motion. It is a predecessor of three other bills that we have dealing with interest.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature Senator Frank Lewis was very factual and truthful about his statement. He came to me and asked me if this could be done. I said no, that I had to follow the schedule and proceed with the bills in their order as they were designated by this body. I also told him that if he could get the 25 votes that was a prerogative that I could not take away from him. It was entirely up to him if he wanted to attempt it but I was in no position to alter those bills which were bracketed for dates. So, this is the other half of the story and this is why I would not concede to Senator Lewis to bring it up today that this body must take the action and not the Speaker.

PRESIDENT: **Senator Keyes.**