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put them out. That was the reason for probably coming a week or ten days later than I had anticipated. If that is my fault I accept it as such. I don't believe I could have prevailed upon the various committees anymore effectively any sooner because of the workload of these various committee chairmen. Now then in order to do this I am going to suggest at this time that we stay in session today. We started at nine. It's close to 12 to recess. It's close at 1:30 to pick up again. Then go to 8:30. I thought we should have had a break sometime in the middle of the afternoon, but there were those of this body who determined otherwise. This is alright. If it is your desire to work straight through, have lunches brought to your desk, this is fine. I'm going to say that we will stay till 8:30. If this is not pleasing to this body I would be hopeful an attempt would be made immediately to overrule that decision. Now then we have another problem. It was very evident yesterday evening. This is a very restrictive move but I'm going to suggest upon the Speaker's orders that if anyone wishes to be excused, and I imagine they have legitimate reasons for excuse. We have been very free with the excuses, absent for absenteeism. I might say that I'm guilty of some absenteeism too. I did go in February or March. I was absent, I believe, from this body for four days for a personal trip away from here to Acapulco, Mexico. I was absent from this body I think on two other occasions when my lot as the Speaker or as a member of this Legislature was called to a conference. I missed two days there. I'm also guilty of absenteeism. I'm going to suggest, or give the order, that if anyone wishes to be excused today they can be excused with 25 votes of this body. Here again if you don't like this let's make a determination this morning. If it's your desire to overrule the Speaker so be it.

PRESIDENT: Would you excuse me Senator Chambers, Senator Kelly had his light on first. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I've passed out a little love note to my colleagues. I'll read it at this time. "Now is the time for all good Senators to come to the aid of their constituents. There are nine days remaining of this session and we all know the workload to be carried. We know it can be carried. It is also known that when a work crew as large as 49 workers must have a leader, and in Jules Burbach we have the leader we need. He is dedicated, polite, cooperative, understanding, courteous, positive and well organized. We're fortunate indeed to have Jules give to us his talents, effort, time and energy. We the members must resolve to be good followers as Jules is a leader. We must stay in the chamber. We must vote promptly. We must listen or speak effectively. We must tend to business now. If we ignore our leadership many Senators will not have their deserved opportunity to present their proposals to this Legislature. I believe that is wrong because we have promised that all priority bills will have a chance to go across the board in this session. Our Speaker is working to keep his promise. We must help and help now. It is our duty, while the Legislature is in session, to give all. Individually we are