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**SPEAKER:** Senator Carpenter has been placed in nomination. The chair recognizes Senator DeCamp. Your lights on. Any other nominations? It has been moved and seconded that nominations be closed. Any discussions, all those in favor say aye, opposed no. I think that motion, did you say by acclamation to, includes everything that he, is that the way it was stated, I don't know we are having a lot of trouble with this blasted thing up here. I didn't hear it up here, but if you said by acclamation this means, yes, and then Senator Carpenter you are elected chairman of the executive board. Senator Warner.

**SENATOR WARNER:** Mr. President I did not know that you were going to take a motion in that respect, I would request that the records show me as not voting.

**SPEAKER:** Do you request a machine vote?

**SENATOR WARNER:** No, I just request that it showing me as not voting.

**SPEAKER:** Senator Warner requests that he be shown as not voting. Senator Carpenter, the chair declares that you have been elected. Chairman of the Legislative Council. Senator Carpenter.

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** This is the first time that this has ever happened to me, and because it has it gives me a great deal of

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**SENATOR CARPENTER:** (contd) responsibility, beyond which would nominally prevail. I think you people realize that what the Senate does it can undo by the same method it accepted it. There are many people who at least outside of this body and I presume some inside, who feel that there might be a question about giving Senator Carpenter the authority within the designation of the chairman of the executive council. I want to call it to your attention that the chairman is no stronger than his committee, and the chairman can not do anything that five members of the committee do not concur and agree in and that's the way it should be. So there will be no misunderstanding about what I'd like to do, with the concurrence with the committee and eventually maybe with the concurrence with this body. I think that this body is down graded itself materially ever since I've had the privilege of being a member in this legislature. And so far as I'm concerned I'm going to attempt to provide the leadership in order to change it. Some of the things I would like to do and #1 I would like to change the fiscal policies of this body, so that we take the responsibility for our own actions and by that I mean we should set up within our own areas of responsibility a fiscal agent, in order to do what is necessary in order to take the responsibility for what we spend in the area in which we take the responsibility for. I think that every senator should have a secretary, whether this legislature is in session or whether it isn't. I think every senator should have the opportunity to have an office, one office within his district in which the people can go to in order to find out those things that many times they would like to find out. I think because we no longer have any interim study committees and all these resolutions I presume will be referred to the standing committee which contain the same procedure and the same action as these standing committees now have the responsibility for. The other day Senator Mahoney had an amendment to the rules in order to give him and his committee the opportunity to appoint at least four additional members to go and to study with other states those things which you can only get the information by collective action. I amended his motion in order to make it (inaudible) that the chairman of a committee, a standing committee can appoint as many members as he desires to go anywhere he wants to with his committee in order to make a determination of the needs of the state in conjunction and with the consultation of other of the 49 states. I think this body for example has an opportunity in order to do the right thing that is peculiar to us in order to let us become the effective part of the state government that is intended. If you'll read the law as it now stands, the