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SPEAKER: I think it would be forwarded to Washington for whatever action they decided to take on it, but I don't see that the Attorney General's opinion would necessarily cancel out any activities here that have already been scheduled on it or the hearing for instance, were you asking -

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Proud's resolution I mean, speaking of the resolution that Senator Proud introduced, what would become of that?

SPEAKER: Well I think that's a matter before the body and it has to be disposed of and there would have to be action by this body, it just can't be dropped because the Attorney General would send over an opinion. Some further action would be required of this Legislature. Is there any further discussion on the motion? The Chair recognizes Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker and fellow members, I hope that I did not leave the impression that I didn't feel that we should have a public hearing on the resolution. I feel that we should have it one way or the other, but I would love to have this body get a written decision on it from the Attorney General and I would support that motion, but I'm in opinion that we still ought to go through with what we are doing, I think that is a must for the public.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Oh Mr. President, let's just presume that the Attorney General says we can't do it. Are we then going to have that as a reason or an excuse and how can Senator Chambers hold a hearing with any degree of any respectability, responsibility at all if this body is not, almost required to follow the opinion of the Attorney General. Let's have the hearing and Senator, the Chairman of the Committee has an opinion from the Attorney General, then what you're doing, you're just spinning your wheels. You can't do it. I don't think we should ask for the opinion and I might say that the executive council directed this bill deliberately and intentionally to Senator Chambers because the fact we felt it would have a good hearing and a fair hearing and he get a lot of experience in the field of being able to chair a body in which there was a actual division of about equal of opinion. It will be good for him and it will be good for us.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Chambers would yield to a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers will you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR BARNETT: So that we might get on with this discussion a little more and probably draw it to a close, have you set the hearing for this?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No I haven't.

SENATOR BARNETT: Do you expect to do this soon?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I can't give an exact time, I want to give the forces involved in the resolution, the opportunity to organize and present their best argument.

SENATOR BARNETT: What would be the earliest time, that you think that you could hear this, if you set it now it would still be two weeks away wouldn't it?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Barnett, I won't give a time right now, but it might be 30 days.