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SENATOR CARPENTER: (inaudible) be confirmed.

SPEAKER: There is a motion to confirm the recommendations, is there a need for further discussion? All those in favor confirming the appointments then vote aye, all those opposed vote no. This is the appointments found on page 125. Once again have you all voted? The clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, Mr. President in favor of confirmation.

SPEAKER: The appointments are confirmed. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I'd like to ask as a point of information to the Chair, we have a lot of difficulty with the microphones being on and off, I've been advised and I think mine has been changed. It's been rewired and they've just by-passed the button on the speaker. It seems to me that would be desirable because we are not on until the presiding officer permits it anyway. It looks to me if we can make these microphones automatic rather than pushing a button up or down it might serve a good purpose, and I'd like to ask if any one has any objections assuming that what I said is true that the speak - , that the presiding, has control of the microphone anyway, to have the microphone rewired so we by-pass the button to the point we're automatically on when ever the presiding officers permit us to be on.

CLERK: Senator we will be glad to check this out, actually what happens now, with your permission of the chair, I'll explain this, we do have the names indicated up here and the girl who helps me, the page, often times tries to anticipate who will rise and so on, we do have some momentary confusion once in awhile a new helper is up here, but it is not necessary actually every time for everyone to activate their microphone by pushing the button in front of them. We anticipate that up here, that button only lights a light which is an auxiliary aid for us up here when we can't find the microphone, so we will investigate the situation but we are also attempting to facilitate communication here in the chamber by anticipating.

SENATOR CARPENTER: So you're saying the button has no effect any way.

CLERK: No need for you to activate your button up there no. The black one I'm speaking of, not the switch on the microphone.

SENATOR CARPENTER: The reason I made the inquiry is because, it is always said, well adjust your button up or down, and sometimes it happens and sometime, if it's the fault of the mechanism.

CLERK: Senator we had a malfunction awhile ago and we aren't able to explain why that happened to Senator Kremer but many times the Senator who is standing there holding his microphone automatically flips that switch up there and then he is off, of course it has already happened once this session, in the back of the room, and I would agree with you we need not have a microphone switch on the microphone as such, those could be by-passed and we will investigate that, thank you for your suggestion.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That answered my question. While I'm on my feet I'll make the announcement the executive council will meet at 1:30. I presume in the room that we normally meet in to consider the bills and anything else that the membership might decide to discuss.

(End of Belt #4)