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SENATOR CARPENTER: Certainly.

SENATOR DEKAMP: Senator Carpenter I agree with your reasoning in trying to get the bills in more rapidly, would the Executive Board in conjunction with this be willing to make arrangements so that bill drafting can be done during the summer? It was my understanding the last two years when I contacted the bill drafter's office in July and August and this time of year that they said the actual work didn't begin until about November or December. If most of this work could be done prior to the time the session opened, most of the problem would be dissolved.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well in answer to your question, I presume that the rules committee could make the change, and I would see a great deal of merit that they should, and if we have the staff that at least I anticipate, there will be somebody here every day of the year,

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(Start of Belt #2)

that was open in order to accomodate, to get this thing in motion. Now bear in the mind the only reason I made these two suggestions, is for no other reason that no one can say, in another 36 days we didn't know the problem that was confronting us. I as a Senator and a Chairman of the Executive Board, I don't care what you do, I won't even put it before you, so we will assume the responsibility jointly. That's the only purpose. I would suggest to Senator DeCamp if he believes that he ought to attend the hearing and make the suggestion that changes be made. I think it's a suggestion well taken.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Syas, then Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR SYAS: I just want to make one brief statement, that I had reason to believe that's what's holding this legislature up to a certain extent is the Senators themselves some of them. I think they've got a pile of bills in their desk their going to introduce, but they are going to wait until about the last day so the flood can come in and I suppose that some of the bills they don't want to introduce them a day at a time because, they don't probably want too much attention focused on them, because I've done that myself on occasions, but I know that there is some legislative council bills and other bills, floating around here that just haven't been introduced and I think that's what delayed committee, setting committee hearings because the bills aren't introduced. I think the bills are here really, cause I've seen a lot of them to know that there is a lot of them that haven't been introduced that are here. There drafted.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Mr. President, I believe Senator Syas just now covered just exactly what I was going to say, that is the members seem to be holding bills back for introduction and when they do that they can't be assigned to committees. I have set, yesterday I set every bill that has been assigned and it takes it through part of February, about the middle or latter part of February. Now if we had these bills in and could get them set for hearings, and then some other committees are short of bills, and this is what is going to delay us, not only now, but in another month to come, so I hope that we can get these bills introduced if a member has a bill he is going to introduce, get it in and worry about it later.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.