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on this west side, the other night I was up here and the water was pouring through the roof, now who is responsible for that, someone tell me?

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter do you care to respond?

SENATOR CARPENTER: The Custodian of the state of Nebraska who has oversight of these buildings, he has the sole responsibility, he is a figment of the imagination of the Governor of this state.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I wanted to quote a rule if I might here that might solve the situation as to whether or not this should be introduced by the Executive Committee and I think Senator Carpenter has a point well taken, because if you will look on page 23, section 5, here's an exception in there on the twenty day limit and we are going to be beyond that twenty day limit by the time this would be done, and the exception is that a bill cannot be introduced after the twentieth legislative day except upon recommendation of the Governor or by a majority of the members of a Standing Committee, and the Executive Board is not one of our Standing Committees, so therefore, I'm pretty sure they would have to get a suspension of the rules here in order to introduce this bill, or else we'll have to go to a Standing Committee and have the majority of the members sign it and send it in here to the legislature, so I think the point is probably well taken, regardless of all of the arguments about whether or not we should have a building commission, I think the point is taken as to how the bill should be introduced.

SPEAKER: Thank you Senator Duis. Is there any further discussion of Senator Carpenter's motion, Senator Carpenter do you care to close on your motion? The question is shall the Carpenter motion prevail, that we direct the Executive Board to introduce a bill creating a new building commission, before we vote on that, the Chair, Senator Whitney did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, I have a point of order, is what the Chairman of the Rules Committee, is that correct, that this would have to therefore be a suspension of the rules in order for this legislature to ask the Executive Board to introduce the bill?

SPEAKER: Well I think - Senator Duis do you care to respond?

SENATOR DUIS: I'm terribly sorry, I was talking to Senator Maresh, would you please repeat your question?

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney, would you repeat?

SENATOR WHITNEY: I'm asking for a point of order, is it correct now that Senator Duis, the Chairman of the Rules Committee, is correct in his statement that we would have to have a suspension of the rules in order to ask the Executive Board, which is not a Standing Committee to introduce this bill?

SENATOR DUIS: It's my understanding that they will draw the bill, but they will ask a Standing Committee to introduce the bill, we're going to be passed the twentieth legislative day, I would presume by the time the bill, of course if it's a one line bill, I presume that they can introduce the bill if they get it done by tomorrow night, but my guess was that they probably couldn't get the bill ready by that time.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well then Senator Duis, what you had in mind then was that we merely need 25 votes to pass this motion?