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Executive Board, now that's one fifth of the membership of this legislature, equal to one fifth, twenty percent of the members of this legislature. Now this is a much better arrangement and the Executive Board can do these things much better, then if we are to be plagued and we just simply can't do it, that's all, we can't do it, and this is especially true of things that come up when we are not in the session, when we can't let the Executive Board do these things, these small items, these housekeeping items, these day to day chores while we are in session, then we certainly are not going to be around when we are not around, we are certainly not going to grant them any authority when we are not in session and this is exactly what we don't want. This Executive Board, if it's going to mean anything is going to have to have some recognition and it's going to have to have some competent repose in it, and we are going to have to go along sometime or other if it gets out of hand, we can do something about it, we can disapprove that, we can even cut off, I suppose in the extreme case, cut off the appropriation, but until the Executive Board abuses it's authority, or goes on beyond it's statutory and lawful authority, I think we ought to sort of keep hands off and quit stirring up too much fuss about every little detail that goes on. Thank you.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer. Did you wish to be recognized. That's the danger of leaving that little light on. Senator Duis did you wish to be recognized? We have before us the motion to approve the purchase of desk pens.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I turned my light on prior to the time this motion came up, because I wanted a point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER: State your point sir.

SENATOR DUIS: I was going to merely speak and I don't want to interject anything into this that's going on now, I'll wait.

SPEAKER: Okay, thank you. Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr. President and members of the body, I've been in this body for fifteen years, and it's the first time I believe that the Executive Board as a whole has taken into consideration some of the wants of the new members, and I'm not speaking in direct opposition to new members, I'm for them I'm glad there here and glad they're going to take some, the places of us old cronies, but if we are going to get that penny ante over something like this, we ought to shut out the lights and we ought to issue some candles to everybody in here and that's just about the extent of what it means.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion -

SENATOR SKARDA: Pink, Senator Carsten wants a pink candle.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the motion. Senator Carpenter, do you care to close on your motion?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well Mr. President it seems to me that some member, maybe I'll make the motion, to get this thing in to focus. Really the only change in the Executive Board was the Chairmanship. Now I have never done anything including putting a bill on general file without a hearing without the committee's permission. Now if you are willing to say to the committee and to it's Chairman and I so approve, that this body directs the Executive Council to exercise the power and the responsibilities inherent in the law which governs their activities, and when by a majority vote in that committee they delegate responsibility to the Chairman to carry out their wishes, then this body stands back of him and them, and I so move.