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SENATOR CARPENTER: But I understand that they should be referred to the Executive Council who in turn would refer them to a committee who would consent to introduce them. Now if the Legislature wants to bypass that, that's fine, but I would think I have a couple of bills which are just as important and I hope you will do the same thing for me as you do for Senator Keyes. I recommend that you do both of them. On the other hand, we do have rules which set up a procedure and I would hope that we confine ourselves to that. As I understand it, to go to the..send them to the Executive Board who in turn will refer them to a committee who, probably, would hear them and let them get the five signatures, for example, to introduce the bills. Now if you want to do it rather promiscuously which I'm in favor of, that's fine. But if you want to do the procedure that's now outlined, I think we want to confine ourselves to that first.

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, Mr. President, I am not standing up to oppose Senator Keyes motion. I would like to say one thing and it may not be the proper time, so you can rule me out of order if I'm wrong but yesterday afternoon I returned to my desk to find something on my desk and could not find any reason for it being there. The Sergeant-at-Arms didn't know anything about it. The Pages didn't know anything about it, so I'm beginning to question what is going around in these chambers in the afternoon. I think very possibly Senator Keyes did have the bills removed from his desk and I think it is a proper request. I think it is also, it might be necessary to appear before the Executive Council or something and tell them that we've got a problem around here in the afternoon. It seems like we're losing things off the desk and I, under these conditions, would have to support Senator Keyes. I would say that he probably did have the bills removed from his desk.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Stromer, then Senator Nore, then Senator Burbach, then Senator Kelly.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President, would Senator Keyes yield to a question?

SPEAKER: Will you yield, Senator?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR STROMER: Senator Keyes, you were ill at the end of last week. Was this also a reason for not being able to take care of the bill.

SENATOR KEYES: That's the reason the bills..I called my secretary and I asked her if they were introduced and she said I believe so, but the two bills..they showed up yesterday. Now, I had the bill drafter searching for them and they brought them up. The bill drafter brought them up yesterday afternoon. They had never been brought up last week or anything. I had asked for them before I went home sick. I had asked to have them drafted.

SENATOR STROMER: Because of your illness, this is a different set of circumstances, also.

SENATOR KEYES: These were part of the ten, or the nine bills that I was going to introduce.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members, I have had a similar experience. I promised my constituents that I would take care of a certain bill and have it introduced and the last couple of days we practically turned this building upside down trying to find it and due to some technicality it had