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Government and Military Affairs Committee is not here. I was going to ask him if he would consider. Oh, here he is here. I'd ask him if he would consider introducing this bill through the Government Committee.

SPEAKER: Stand by. Senator Kelly, did you wish to be recognized on this? This is the Waldron amendment we're speaking on at this time. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the body, that is far reaching. It is something that I'm not prepared to even think about, let alone vote on as an amendment to this vice-presidential bill. I'd sure like to see some type of slowdown.

SPEAKER: Senator Maresh, did you wish to be recognized? OK. Senator Maresh is passing. Thank you. Senator Carpenter. We are still speaking on the Waldron amendment, Senator.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I don't see any better time to discuss his amendment than now. You won't be any better informed if you had a hundred meetings under committee because eventually you are going to have to discuss it out here and make up your mind what you want to do and I would oppose. Senator Waldron withdraw his amendment. I will be in favor of sending the bill back with the amendment to the committee for a hearing if you want a hearing but it won't accomplish any good. We're just as competent people now to discuss it. It's a simple thing. When do you want to have the Primary? Do you want to burden the people with a lot of speeches as they were burdened with last election, many of them given by the speaker. I think we ought to shorten this thing. It's too long. It's too prolonged. The people get weary and sick and the more they listen the less they know about what they ought to do. So, I think now's the time to discuss it and if you are not willing to discuss it, I make a motion to send the bill, to give the amendment back to the committee for a hearing because apparently that's the only way we can get it before a committee. I might say to the new members this is one way in order to get a bill into committee.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Nore, then Senator Dickinson. Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I favor the Waldron amendment. However, I think it's too early, we'd be having. too late, we'd be having our presidential preference after the conventions. I think the conventions are held in August. We'd have our Primary in September, so we'd have to move it back.

SPEAKER: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I just have a question for Senator Stromer or Waldron, either one. I presume, I'm reminiscing a little. Haven't we in the past had Nebraska off-presidential year primaries in August rather than May and why did it get changed? I'm rather in support of Senator Waldron's idea. Senator Waldron, can you answer this?

SPEAKER: Senator Waldron, do you care to respond?

SENATOR DICKINSON: Maybe you aren't old enough to remember.

SENATOR WALDRON: I'm sorry, Senator Dickinson, I did not hear your question.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Have we not in the recent past had off-year primaries in August rather than May?

SENATOR WALDRON: I don't know, Senator.