

remarks. The chair recognizes Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: Mr. President, I believe that judging from the amount...the number of bills we have on the Board and the number of bills introduced I would recommend that we put out a little effort and we can be through here by Easter Sunday, finish the business and be gone home. This is not a foolish remark and it leaves us almost 40...40 more days of work, at least, and, probably, 50 days of work available before Easter Sunday. Now last session, on the 60 day session, we had all the...we had a lot more bills introduced. We had some 200 bills left over from the previous session and we, I think on the 60 days, we were through the first week in April, somewhere around there, and with Easter Sunday coming late I think if we put out some effort we can be home.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, year after year when the Legislature meets, we get closer to Easter and the work load, of course, gets heavier and we're moving along with the bills as fast as they can come along. I think it is a good idea that the Speaker has brought this up now and the only question here, I think, is the question if you want the week just as Easter approaches or the week from Easter Sunday on, but it is normal in the Iowa Legislature and the other legislatures to take one full week off during that period of time and this would be in our half-way season, half way through the session and I think it would be good because I will know that now all the hearings are over and you can make your plans, those of you who have to be back in your home towns for business or meetings, you will, at least, know way ahead of time that that particular week is the week that you'll be free to handle some of your business in your home town or in your home businesses. So, I would suggest that we discuss it a little bit more, then have a vote on which of those two weeks we want.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Stromer.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President, I would only second what Senator Mahoney has already said. I think it's well for us to know in advance. I know, some of us who drive back and forth from Lincoln, Nebraska, it's an advantage for us to know at what particular time that we are going to be able to be home and when we can spend that time so we can arrange for meetings and getting together with constituents who can sometimes see us only during the week which we don't really have a chance to do unless we take a week like this, and so I think that it would be well advised to take the week or else let the Exec. Board make a proposal.

SPEAKER: The chair next recognizes Senator Carpenter. Senator Carpenter, do you care to respond to Senator Proud's observations?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I would just like to have a point of order.

SPEAKER: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR CARPENTER: At the end of this session, are the bills carried over which are on the Board or are they not?

SPEAKER: That's the chairs understanding. Yes, sir, under the present Rules. That's right.

SENATOR CARPENTER: They are.

SPEAKER: Yes, sir. Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I just want to ask a question.

SENATOR CARPENTER: As of now.