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voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay Mr. President on the motion to adopt.

SPEAKER: The amendments are adopted. Now Senator Carpenter what will you do with the bill?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move the bill be advanced to E&R for engrossment.

SPEAKER: The motion has been made to advance the bill to E&R for engrossment, all those in favor say aye, those opposed no, the bill is advanced as amended.

CLERK: Mr. President we have some committee reports and a motion. (read).

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter. I'd like to ask a little information from the Chairmen of the Rules Committee. Is this a rules change, in your judgement?

SENATOR DUIS: Not in my judgement.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I was checking on other business which I should have been listening, rather than talking.

SPEAKER: The Clerk, you, the Clerk will reread the motion.

CLERK: (read).

SENATOR CARPENTER: I have talked to a number of Senators on my own and we have thought collectively to the extent we exist, that it might be well now for this body to consider whether or not it wants to meet four days a week Monday through Thursday. It would be my opinion and the opinion of a few other people that we would not lose any time, and by being here only four days, we could expedite the finishing of the business which we create in the four days, we might be able to do a better job than sometimes some people think we are now doing. Now whether or not you want to do that in view of the Easter vacation, I don't know, but I make the date of March 3rd, I think that's the date, because the reason if those people who have hearing set on Friday from that date on might want to reassign them, they would have plenty of time to do it. I move the adoption of the motion.

SPEAKER: Any discussion, Senator Nore, then Senator Whitney.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, fellow members, rather selfishly I would oppose this because I and I think many others are paying high rents here in Lincoln, our living expenses are quite high, and me being in a farming business I'd like to get home to farm, now I have, we have time to do these things in the off season and I think the original Congress of the United States set up their legislative program to take care of farmers and this is an Agriculture state, so I think we should get most of our work done in the winter so we can go, so we can go out and do our business when the season comes, that is the farming and some of them are in other business, they want to get home to their businesses. You take four days and we are going to be here until June or July or even probably later.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I would oppose this, to be so early as that I know the retirement committee attempted one Friday afternoon to have a committee hearing, and they couldn't do so because the legislature decided