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SPEAKER: Senator Hasebroock.

SE ATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it seems to me when we look at the attendance here on Friday mornings that they are not too great and it's very difficult to even get 25 votes to pass any legislation and if we don't get any more people present it seems to me that it would be better just to dispense with doing business on Friday and do a little more intensified business the other four days and possibly we would get just as much business done in the four days as we are now doing in the five days. So, I would support Senator Carpenter's motion.

SPEAKER: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Carpenter, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Certainly.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator, is this a do-nothing Friday. Do nothing at all on Friday.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's right. Not even be here.

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I hate to disagree with my friend, Senator Nore, this morning, but he has to take his frequent absences and I can see the reason for it in his farming business. I don't think you quite fully understood, Senator Nore, what we were trying to do here. We've had Fridays in the last couple of weeks in which we just haven't had 30 people to move any of these bills that are Constitutional Amendments. You can't get 30 people to even show up on the floor. We're sitting here like a bunch of drones during that day. If anybody goes out in the hall, there is 26, 27, sometimes we don't even have enough to pass a bill and there are Senators here who have to return home and they know who they are and they do about Thursday, get up, and ask to be excused Friday. And I think as Senator Syas has often said that if they are going to go home for that day, then we all should go and there is no reason in having a Friday session and I would be willing at this point, Senator Whitney...where is Senator Whitney? There he is. Senator Whitney, I would be willing to do away with that week's Easter vacation so we could have those Fridays off and then we would have a full group here. We would have four vigorous days, Monday to Thursday, and three days to recuperate, come back for battle, but that fifth day we have had here we just can't get anybody here. And each of us in our own conscience knows that comes Thursday, there is things back at home to do and there is a lot of us that like to have that Friday off and I would, if it is proper, Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, I would even go so far as to change my motion of yesterday which you were helpful with that we can do away with that Easter vacation and have the Good Friday off which Senator Kelly mentioned, that we would be off from Fridays from here on out which would be Senator Carpenter. So I would like to make a motion to rescind my week's Easter vacation.

SPEAKER: Well, Senator.

SENATOR MAHONEY: I'd like to amend it.

SPEAKER: Yes.

SENATOR MAHONEY: I'd like to amend...

SPEAKER: You can amend Senator Carpenter's motion. Now...