

several years and it always seems the policy that on Friday we take noncontroversial bills and we let those people who want to go home, go home, and we who want to come down and try to get the job over with come in and we try and work on bills that we can possibly get 25 votes for, 30 if it is a Constitutional amendment. Would you favor taking up controversial bills on Friday if this amendment passes and those that do not take their time or do not feel that it's their obligation to come down on Friday, we kill their bills and let it go at that?

SENATOR MAHONEY: No, Senator Keyes, I think you are a little harsh with the rest of the members. There are people here and they know themselves, the ones that have to go home, and they've got business. And I just think I'm sorry for Senator Stull, he comes to our city and I feel sorry for him, but it's a situation where from Alliance he comes and then he doesn't go home until Easter. And Senator Whitney, it's the same problem all over. But there are other Senators here who would like to travel home over that weekend, more than just Senator Carpenter. There is other Senators in this body. They need that day to go back and talk to their constituents about the bills we're passing and Senator Keyes, we should not take controversial bills that day if we don't have the people here that are part and parcel of those bills. I think that it is important that we put in full four days, hardworking days and come back rested up for the Monday morning. I think that's my answer to your question, Senator.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, to point a personal privilege.

SPEAKER: State your point.

SENATOR NORE: I would like to correct the record alluded to by my good friend, Senator Mahoney. I know that, probably, he didn't quite mean it, but I think I have as good attendance here as anyone. He mentioned the frequent absences and I think in my 9 years here I think I have as good a record as anyone here as attending these sessions. I have been here most Fridays and in past years we have taken up noncontroversial bills on Fridays. However, as it stands now it makes no difference to me whether you take off Friday or have a session on Fridays. I just wanted to correct the record that I am not absent, very seldom that I am absent.

SPEAKER: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Why I just wish to say that I wish Senator Mahoney would withdraw his amendment to the amendment because here is the position we are in. If his wins on this first one and loses on the second one, well, then we are really in a box. We haven't any way...we've erased the spring vacation and we are on a five day week, also. I think that this should have been brought, not as an amendment, but as a separate issue after you settle the first one, the basic one. The basic one, if we do go on a four day week, then I think Senator Mahoney's motion is in order but if we fail to adopt the four day week, then we lose the spring vacation, also. This is a situation now where you can't win.

SPEAKER: Senator Kennedy, then Senator Mahoney. Well, Senator Mahoney, I have several people here asking for the floor. I will come back to you as soon as we take care of them. Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker and fellow members, just very briefly, I have the privilege of having a youngster in school and definitely I have to be here on Friday. I, also, have the privilege of running an operation at home and I would appreciate