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now as to when the meetings occur, I think those two questions would answer what I have to say about it.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, let me say to the Senator, what good does it do to notify the people of the meeting of the city council, if the city council of Scotts Bluff has and still do and meet two and three hours ahead of the consideration of the bill when they made up their mind, they don't discuss before the public how they made of their mind, you know this as well as anybody else does, it just merely a sop as it now is, to have an open meeting, it don't say anything, it doesn't mean anything, you, just like we used to have in executive meetings in this body. We really and I read the other day for example that some Senators were concerned about this thing, that the people didn't have the right to know, they didn't have a right to hear, and many other complaints and I think we're, of course they're judgements, but how can we say that whatever we do at the time we do it, pertaining to public business, the people shouldn't understand and know how we made up our minds. What are we trying to cover up, I know what we are trying to cover up, not us, but them, and the reason that they object to this if they do is because they don't want the people to know and understand what they are doing to them.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, let's yield the floor now to Senator Lewis. Senator Lewis do you have any other questions?

SENATOR LEWIS: Yeah, I wasn't sure that was rhetorical question or not, and I assume it was so I won't respond. The next question I have since we want to put this on the same basis, I would ask, to whom do you direct the question, I would direct this again to Senator Carpenter. Where are the people in our executive sessions, I don't believe the people are included, I don't believe they can attend the executive sessions, now are you suggesting that under 219 only the press attend the executive sessions, are you suggesting under 219 that the people do, and if that is the case, where is the consistency with our executive sessions here in the legislature, the people are not invited to those as I understand it?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well of course, you're asking a technical question, I'll give you a broad answer. We might just as well let the public in the executive session, the press is there, and they can say as they should be able to say whatever we say, or how we vote or whatever we do, and they're the ones who really disseminate the information, they're the ones who alert the general public, and that they do and they do a fair job of it, now I have no objection to amending the rules in this legislature to say that anybody can attend the executive committee because why not, it doesn't serve any good purpose now to keep them out. Let me tell you, let's prod these people in the county, how do they make up their mind how they are going to buy these tractors and these caterpillars and patrol, it would be interesting to know what kind of a deal they make, in order to buy a caterpillar. It would be interesting to know why they don't put all the money in the county in the bank on interest rather than without interest. There is a lot of things that people would like to know and if they knew it, they'd be a hell of a lot of those people know holding office that wouldn't be holding it any longer.

SPEAKER: The Chair next recognizes Senator Syas, still speaking on Senator Carpenter's amendment here to LB 219.

SENATOR SYAS: I think what I've got would be on the bill rather than the amendment.

SPEAKER: Do you want to pass then?