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SENATOR BURBACH: If we were to determine to go into all day sessions, and start at 2:00 and quit, let's say for example by 3:30, we would have then, if we would do that the first two days of the week, we would have a half hour or forty five minutes or an hour till 4:30 to finish up our deliberations, and that would be a fine arrangement for me and I'm sure it would be for our committee.

SENATOR PROUD: Yes, the Clerk has pointed out to me that as far as going late in the afternoon is concerned, that isn't good for his office when we get rushed enough I suppose we have to, but you understand, like if we go to 5:00 that means keeping employees here, we have to print the work sheet for the next day, and the journal and those kind of things, so it would probably be better if when we do start all day session, if we went from 2:00 to 4:00, 1:30 to 4:00 or something like that, well then I'm going to move and then you can discuss it, that we go into all day sessions this coming Monday.

PRESIDENT: Well, stand by just a minute Senator Proud, we'll act on your motion yet, we haven't even declared whether we have a quorum here or not, let's move this along, then we will take up your motion, just a minute, just a minute Senator Chambers, we'll get to you. Have you all indicated your presence? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: Quorum present Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Very good, do we have corrections for the journal? Pardon me.

CLERK: None Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Any corrections from the floor? If not the journal will stand as correct. Alright, now we will take up the motion then to move into all day sessions beginning Monday. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers, then Whitney, then Carpenter.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I'm not opposed to the all day sessions, but I would like to consider amending that motion to exclude Friday as a day that we will meet. We can look at the absenteeism today, it's always going to be heavy and if during the time we have committee hearings, we have sparse Friday, it's going to continue to be that way. We wind up having to take what are called non controversial bills, and when you look at the congestion on general file and I'm sure there will be an influx of an additional bills to general file as the committees cease hearings and go into more executive work, then we are going to wind up having wasted some days on Friday by not being able to do the amount of work that needs to be done on difficult bills. When those difficult bills must be discussed, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, those days will be shot too, so I think if we are going to have only four days when serious work can be done, we ought to just eliminate Friday as a meeting day. I'll be here on Friday if we continue to meet, but there are men who come from considerable distances and it would be good if they would have more time to leave and for whatever reasons people have for not being here on Friday, we know that Friday is a thin day, so could we frankly take this bull by the horn this time, and have a four day week, because that's what in practicality we have anyway. Senator Proud, oh he's not here, I wouldn't add this to his motion if it would kill his motion, or hinder it for the all day sessions. I can make it independent of that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Oh that's alright, I don't care.

PRESIDENT: Well, we, let's take it this way, Senator Chambers