

SPEAKER: Senator Cavanaugh, would you ask the question again?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Do you recall the question, Senator Whitney? I asked whether Senator Barnett had given you an explanation for his failure to comply with the committee's wish in this matter.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, we just had a committee on committees--meeting and he said that the members of the minority had instructed him not to give the Chairman a copy of the minority report and I think Senator Wiltse is sitting here, Senator Stull who just attended that meeting and I would like for them to speak if I have misinterpreted what Senator Barnett said.

SPEAKER: Recognize Senator Wiltse.

SENATOR WILTSE: I'd like to verify what has been given--the statement.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Then I would request, question of Senator Luedtke if he'll yield again.

SPEAKER: Senator Luedtke yield?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I'll yield.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well Senator Luedtke, if what Senator Whitney has just expressed is true, that would be somewhat contrary to what you had priorly--prior expressed that the minority delegated the authority to, to Senator Barnett. Senator Whitney is expressing the fact that that decision not to make that report at this time was made by the minority.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well, I think Senator Barnett's response--it was a--a conversation between Senator Whitney and Senator Barnett that he is referring to and I was not there but Senator Whitney and I have discussed this and I might just add this, that it was my understanding that this matter would not be brought on the floor until Monday at least, until Monday of next week and I think that's what Senator Barnett really understood but as I say, I wasn't at the committee on committee meeting today so perhaps you changed that, so I don't know.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: But you, you never did and to your knowledge, other members of the minority, have never directed Senator Barnett not to submit the minority report as expeditiously as possible?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well the final copy has never been put in my hands to sign so I don't know how it can be given to you yet.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, my point is---

SENATOR LUEDTKE: --think I should be able to sign it before--

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: My concern here, Senator Luedtke, is that the members of this body have as much time as possible to consider all of the relevant facts and I consider the minority report an extremely relevant particular in this matter and, and it appears to me that there may be some attempt at obstruction or delay in providing information that isn't, that isn't pertinent to, to the problems involved here. What I mean is that the minority, it appears, may be seeking to delay the admission of the report, not because they don't have the time to prepare the report, but for some other reason.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: No I can assure you it's because of the time factor, in fact, Senator Barnett is not here this afternoon because of the fact that he is leaving for Washington along with the rest of us and we did not expect it to come up this afternoon, at least I didn't.