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SPEAKER WHITNEY: Roll call. Have you all voted? The clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: A quorum present, Mr. President. Mr. President, Senator Kime asked to be excused for the P.M.

SPEAKER: Are there any further reports, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: None, Mr. President. We have Senator Kime wants to be excused this P.M. Senator Fred Carstens asked to be excused at 3 p'clock on Tuesday, April 3rd.

SPEAKER: Are there any objections to Senator Kime being excused? If not, so ordered. Are there any objections to Senator Fred Carstens being excused after 3:00 P.M. tomorrow? If not, he is excused.

CLERK: And Senator Waldron asked to be excused the rest of the week after today.

SPEAKER: Are there any objections to Senator Waldron being excused the balance of the week? If not, he is excused. The chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Mr. President, I move we close debate on the Carpenter amendment.

SPEAKER: It has been moved and seconded that we close debate on the Carpenter amendment. Do I see five hands? I do. Those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. It takes 25 votes to close debate. Senator Whitney voting aye. Have you all voted? The motion is to close debate on the Carpenter motion on LB 452. The question has been...the clerk will record.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 7 nays, 23 not voting.

SPEAKER: The motion failed, to close debate. I see no lights on up here. Apparently, nobody wants to speak on the subject. The chair recognizes Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, on this returning 452 to Select File, I wanted to give a couple of thoughts for you to think about. This bill could be reamended to include every department in state government. Now, if we do this, if we elect to do this with DAS to take it out of the Governor's department, we could do this with the Department of Foads, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Agriculture, the whole administrative setup. Now this bill could accomplish this. Now, if this is what we want, we could possibly get a retired person to run for Governor and send him off fishing. Now, all I ask of you is think about the repercussions that 452 might have in the future. Number two, Senator Marvel indicated this morning that this Commission was only in an advisory capacity. I do not see that in this bill. They have the same vote that he does and this could very, very well happen. Just so that you understand that the bill does say that these other departments or these other agencies can vote and take all the powers away from the Governor as far as the Department heads are concerned. This is what this bill could do. Thank you.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I voted against ceasing debate because I think that we ought to recharge here a little bit. It was unfortunate, I think, that the vote was not taken when we did break for lunch because the issue had been thoroughly explained for the most part. We haven't heard the closing by Senator Marvel, of course... Senator Carpenter, of course. There is a couple of things that were mentioned this morning that I will try to recall