

all those motions.

PRESIDENT: Now Senator Carpenter, just a moment before you sit down. Let's make sure that the Chair understands. Your motion is to hold all the bills presently on--excuse me--to hold all the bills on final reading as they are now and then to move to general file and move everything that can be moved from general file to E&R for Engrossing and that those would then be held there. Now--

SENATOR CARPENTER: And expe--expedite 259, the only bill we'll read on final reading, and do it as rapidly as can be done.

PRESIDENT: Alright, and expedite LB 259. Alright now, that's Senator Carpenter's motion and the Chair wants to observe that if, with support of 25 votes that this could be done, and that's the only observation that the Chair would have, that whatever you--this body desires to do, it will take 25 votes in order to do that. The Chair this morning defers because of the importance of what is before us, there isn't any reason why final reading cannot be delayed at this time and this motion taken up.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I so move, Mr. President, and I can discuss that.

PRESIDENT: Alright. Now there has been an exchange of lights up here and I have had some on that I have noted and they have gone off. I'm going to take them now as I see them. After Senator Carpenter was on, the next first light to appear was Senator Chambers, then I'll move to Senator Marvel, Carstens, Fred Carstens and Kremer in that order. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. On a motion such as the one Senator Carpenter made, I think most men have probably gotten a tentative feeling already of the direction they will go. I cannot support his motion. There are changes I want to see as far as the budget is concerned. One of them involves an increase in salaries or the pay scale for State Troopers in general. Now there are controversies that I have been engaged in with the Governor and to be completely honest, if I could get a clean shot at him and embarrass him, I would do so, but I will not go after him in this fashion because there are responsibilities that the Legislature has also. I feel that the responsibility and obligations that I have in sitting in this body is not to use the position of a legislator to embarrass the Governor in this fashion. He could call a special session and I was informed that we could call ourselves back into session if we did adjourn right after what Senator Carpenter wants to do, would be done provided that it would be done, but those are stratagems that I just can't go along with this morning and probably any other morning so all I'm saying is that I have to be against his motion. I want to see some changes in the budget as offered by the Governor and even that is being prepared by the Budget Committee. From here on in, I'll just cast my vote in opposition to his motion and anybody who feels as I do will do the same thing. If the debate is lengthy, I may be compelled to say something else but right now, my intention is not to speak further on the issue.

PRESIDENT: Chair next recognizes Senator Marvel, then Senator Fred Carstens, then Senator Kremer, then Senator Stahmer. Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I had some members of the Press over to talk to me after the speech and I'd like to respond as to what I said. I think it's the best deal that's been proposed to this Legislature in some time. We have the constitutional prerogative of oversight