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PRESIDENT: All right. Now, the original Carpenter motion is amended to include LB 257 and 258 and the Marvel motion carries. We now have before us, still, the original motion which the clerk has read to you. Are there any other amendments to that particular motion.

CLERK: None on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Very good. Any further discussion now of the issue? Is there any further discussion. Senator Carpenter may close on his motion which has now been amended to include 257 and 258.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, the intent of the motion was that no bill be passed on final reading during this session except the three which have been accepted. Now, much has been said about what will happen, what won't happen. We have got along without the passage of any of the bills that are on any place on the Board. In other words, nothing is going to happen of any earthshaking consequence if we don't pass any one of those bills. We are not doing anything except what...we are taking an interlude for eight months. We come back here in January, whether we want to or not, and by that time you will be able to circulate among your constituents. You get their reaction. Sure, you are going to get reaction from people wanting us to spend money but the people they are, they are never there to help you when the people you represent say, "how come, why are you raising my taxes." It may be that this state can live on this frugal bases. I do not know but I do know you never know anything until you try it, and I know that if you have a faint heart, you will never try it. I see nothing wrong with this because everything is going to go along. The Governor has made a promise. It is a matter of record. If we will do what he asked us to do, it is just exactly what we are doing in substance, he is going to reduce the sales and income tax and, if he can do it, he is entitled to all the credit to a man who can do it. And if he can't do it, then, he is in the opposite position. He will be criticized and he should be for saying something that maybe he can't do. No, this is no...this is just a highly practical thing. I don't know whether he can do it or not. I don't have the remotest idea. I know when I go home, as Senator Proud has said, if you pass this motion I'm for it. A lot of people might just be going to be offended and they are offended to the extent there are going to leave me at home if I want to run. That's a small price to pay for this area in order to attempt to find out what is going to happen. I'm one of those people who believe you can talk yourself out of anything if you talk long enough to yourself and that is the first reaction everybody has. How can we prevent from doing the thing that's obvious we ought to do. This is a great step. This will go throughout this country that this state is number one in more things than football. We've accepted the challenge of the Governor of the state of Nebraska. If he can do all that he says he can do, he is entitled to all the credit and I have said to the Governor of the state in the past. I said, Governor, are you sure you can live within this budget without even ???, and he said, yes, and I propose to give it to him. I hope we get out of here and be gone sine die by the end of this week. We can move everything over from General File, probably, most of it, so that when we come back in January next year, we are all set with a lot of business, a lot of business to do, and if we got anything, we can always change it. We can always undo the harm we've done. This is a matter of psychological application to the people of this state. On the national level, Mr. Nixon says, I am going to get them off of your back and their hands out of your pockets. Yet, he raises