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would tell him what to do like he told the Legislature what to do he would probably respond appropriately by telling the Legislature where to go. He doesn't use those exact words but by his actions and dealing with us he has told us time and time again. And I think that the action the Legislature took this morning, which is not going to stand by the way, Senator Carpenter has often said that lobbyists run the Legislature--somebody says that and you're going to see that the lobbyists are going to save the State. They are the ones who are going to make the Legislature back up on this action that they took this morning because they have certain bills that are a prime concern to them. They want those bills considered and those bills will be considered. The only way that can be done is to have the Legislature reconsider and undo what it did this morning. So since that is what's going to happen, I think we ought to defeat both of these motions. They are of no value anyway.

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Of course, Senator Chambers is right. This motion is valueless. It doesn't mean a cotton-pickin' thing. It's just another big waste of time and everybody that wants to look silly, just go ahead and vote for it. I'm going to vote against it.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Stahmer, did you wish to be heard? All right now is there any further discussion of the Carpenter amendment? Senator Carpenter then is closing now on his amendment to the Syas motion.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, let's see what Senator Chambers said. He gave us a challenge. You'd better think it over. He says this body is not an independent body. It cannot and never will do anything if the lobbyists are opposed to it in sufficient numbers. Think it over. Is that the position you want to be in? Now Senator Chambers--and I don't say this disrespectfully--speaks for people who get a lot more than they pay. And that's all right. Then there's a lot of people who pay more than they get, but you're going to determine now and until we adjourn sine die whether this body is owned body and soul and run by lobbyists or whether this is an independent body. Like we told the Governor this morning, we are independent. You're going to prove whether we are or whether we're not. If you do you're going to indict yourself. That I'll have to see.

PRESIDENT: Question is, shall the Carpenter amendment to the Syas motion be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Simple majority is all that's necessary for the Carpenter motion to amend. Have you all voted? We are voting on the Carpenter amendment to the Syas motion, regarding deficit appropriations as might come from the Governor's office. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 10 nays, 16 not voting.

PRESIDENT: All right, Carpenter motion is adopted and we now have the Syas motion as it was amended. Is there any further discussion now of the Syas motion as amended by the Carpenter motion? Question is then, shall the Syas motion as amended be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We're voted on the Syas motion as amended by Senator Carpenter. Once again, have you all voted? I'll wait for you, Senator Dickinson. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 14 nays, 7 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the motion is adopted. Now let's see if we can reconstruct the agenda. It would appear to the chair