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opportunity to speak on the issue, I will speak. This time I'm hopelessly outnumbered and I know that but I'll tell you what. The position I'm taking today I can live with next year. The position that some of you are taking you're shaking right now because you've expressed it over the lunchhour. Just consider the possibility that you could be mistaken and wrong in what you're doing. You still have time to correct it. You have less to live with if you correct your action now than if you bullheadedly take an action which you'll have to live with a long time and can survive. I think that the Legislature should not do what it's doing. Now I'm speaking for the record, not for the legislators. I want there to be no doubt at any stage in the discussion of the position that I have taken on this issue. I think it is extremely important not just because it's a Governor's bill, not just because Exon is a man that is distasteful to a lot of men in the Legislature. I don't think there's anybody in this body who has a greater dislike for the man than I have but there are some issues which transcend personal grievances against an individual. We are representing the legislative branch of government now. Whatever he does with his executive powers is up to him. I don't think we ought to prostitute this body in this fashion. That's the way I characterize the action because that's the way I see what we are doing as being. I should say what those of you who vote for this are doing. I will not take a guilty part in this. When this action is discussed in the future by me, I will not say we did this, I'll say they did it and they did it with every opportunity to undo it and I think Senator Carpenter wants to hasten this thing through and adjourn on Wednesday so that the lobbyists, they are out in numbers today. They see some of their meal tickets taking wings and about to fly away and he feels that he may have injected a majority of you, Senator Carpenter does, with enough courage to last until Wednesday. But after Wednesday he can't promise anything. And as a matter of fact he knows that the pendulum will swing in my direction. Not in my direction because I'm here but in the direction where I am because I happen to be right. Some of you know what is right but you are under the spell and you're being carried along by the activities of the day. But remember this, you are not Senator Carpenter. You do not have the abilities and skill that Senator Carpenter possesses. The demonstration is session after session after session, that's why I can say these things. Check the records. You know that you're not going to be able to stand. I'm going to wind up with this. It would be appropriate and I discussed this with Senator Lewis earlier that we adjourn on Friday because that's Good Friday and for those who believe in things like that, Good Friday I think is the day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a jackass. The people were crying Hosanna that week. A week later they were crying Crucify Him. Now who are they going to cry hosanna to and who are they going to cry crucify about? Who is riding the jackass and who is the jackass?

PRESIDENT: Chair next recognizes Senator Syas, then Schmidt, Keyes, Carpenter, Cavanaugh, Proud, Mahoney.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, all I want to ask is probably not on the thing that's being discussed. It's the fact that Senator Carpenter made a statement we could get out of here by Wednesday and the thought occurs to me and I'd like to have a ruling on it, I suppose when you adjourn you adjourn, but Senator Luedtke has a hearing on bills set for Thursday and so does Constitutional Revision have two constitutional amendments set for Thursday. What happens? How do we notify the people if we get out of here by Wednesday that there's no public hearing?

PRESIDENT: Are you directing the question...