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PRESIDENT: Thank you sir. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Mr. Speaker, if that is the way you go, fine and dandy I'm willing to abide and give you my time. But if you open this up to this discussion I want my turn.

(End of Belt #14)

(Begin Belt #15)

PRESIDENT: All right. Question is, again, what shall we do with 259? It's on Select File. Senator Cavanaugh, do you wish to be heard on the issue?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I don't know how to limit myself to the issue. I'm not sure what the issue is any more.

PRESIDENT: The issue, wait, the only issue really before the body is, shall 259 be advanced from Select File or not, to final E & R for engrossing? That's the only issue really before us. I, the chair admits that there are side issues that are pressing in and that are very important.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Okay, well I would like to say something about the whole issue but I'm not exactly sure how to say it. Senator Chambers I believe said that both he and Senator Carpenter when they believe in something they will, I believe I construed him correctly, go to any extreme to effectuate that belief. I would disagree with that statement to the extent that I'm not convinced that Senator Carpenter necessarily believes in anything other than accomplishing whatever is possible at the moment. I think Senator Carpenter ceased on an opportunity here this morning to effectuate a political movement, a political play. He thinks he has the votes to do it and so he's doing it and that's the only reason he has for doing it. I came to this Legislature for different purposes. I didn't come here to serve Senator Carpenter's purposes, I came here to serve what I believe to be the interest of the people of my district and I find today if this conduct continues that that aspiration of mine will be impossible, that I will have abrogated it to the Governor of the State of Nebraska and to Senator Carpenter who may or may not be working for a conservative purpose. It's hard to tell at this point. At any rate, I think I would have hoped before today that many of the rest of you came to effectuate what you thought to be in the best interests of the State of Nebraska in your own judgment and exercised that judgment and that you didn't come here to exercise political vindictiveness, political pettiness. I had some hopes up to this point that that was true of the majority of the people of this Legislature. I no longer, or of this action continues, will be able to assure myself of that conviction in the rest of you.

PRESIDENT: Next person to speak is Senator Proud. The motion still before us is, shall 259 be advanced from Select File. Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, Mr. President, Senator Carpenter says we're going to show the lobbyists, the lobbyists want this session carried on and so forth, well the last lobbyist I talked to which was about five minutes ago wants the Governor's budget passed and the session ended and I'm going to vote against these things. Most of the rest of you apparently are going to vote for him. So that's a clever trick and it may work. Now in my judgment Senator Carpenter wants this to pass for one reason and one reason only. To show he can do it. And more power to him if he can. If he can I think they ought to erect a monument to him out here because the charge has been made--whether it's right or wrong--that Senator Carpenter runs this Legislature. I never thought he