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did but I'll tell you something. You're getting ready to prove it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney, did you wish to be heard? Senator Mahoney is passing. Next to be, to speak then is Senator Stahmer, then Goodrich.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body I think all of us need to analyze in our own mind whether we're voting for Senator Carpenter or whether we're voting on what we believe in. I have stood upon this floor in many occasions and challenged Senator Carpenter when I thought he was wrong but I think the Governor has come before us and said he can lower taxes and those of you who are interested in coming back, as sure as you don't adopt his suggestions and the taxes are maintained the way they are or any spending increases are made, many of you won't be here. It doesn't bother me any because I'm not running but I think the Governor is throwing the gauntlet down and the people are going to see it laying on the ground whether you realize it or not and Senator Carpenter says there are politics in this. That's the name of the game especially when you run for Governor under a partisan label which the Governor didn't create. That's the way our Constitution is. And I'm saying that I and I think many others along with me are not doing this for or against Senator Carpenter. We think the Governor made a statement that he can lower taxes. I think the majority of the people want this. They're not interested in what's right or best for the State, they want their taxes lowered. So let's give the people what they want.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, did you want to be heard again? Then Mahoney, then Keyes.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, first of all I'd like to go on record that I have not discussed this issue with any lobbyist. They are not dictating my thinking relative to this matter, this is my own thinking. I would caution and plead with this Legislature to slow down and let's think of what we are doing. Let's take a couple of three days to find out what the ramifications are of the action that we're now taking. For example, the bill that Senator Schmidt referred to, the abortion bill and the very fact of whether or not the State can meet its obligations between now and June are all pretty important issues just to name a few and I would caution you to slow and let's not act so hasty that we make one horrible mistake. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, I was not going to speak and then Senator Syas over here said I had no guts and I lost my belly on this question. But it's important that I tell the young Senator Cavanaugh who seems to be complaining that he hasn't been here long enough and really he drags Senator Carpenter up one aisle and Senator Chambers down the side aisle and wants you both make this body believe that these are the two bad omens and you oughtn't to listen to either one. And then we hear from Senator Proud, the country pumpkin lawyer, who's very clever. I know but I must say this, Mr. President, it's important because it's part of the play. Mr. Proud gets up and he does a beautiful job of bringing the subject around to where Carpenter became the one who suggested the lobbyists. I heard that from Senator Chambers. All of the sudden it came back over in Carpenter's lap. Now I just wanted to be sure and get your minds clear and to the great Senator Goodrich, one of the greatest things we could do is get out of this body and go home and save the taxpayer's money and let the Governor have his way on it. I can't understand why all of these