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for yesterday.

SPEAKER: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, members of the body, I think we all knew that this was going to happen and this was the intent of what was suppose to happen, I think, in large measure yesterday. We now are at the situation where we know that there are operative defects in the Governor's budget. The Governor knew that there were operative defects in his budget and I think if you people had listened to his address to this body yesterday morning, he did not urge this body and to my knowledge has never urged this body to accept his budget in toto without corrections, without adjustments. In fact, I heard him on, I think, three occasions during his speech yesterday morning make reference to the fact that he was certain that this Legislature would exercise its respons...proper responsibilities. Make those adjustments. Make those alterations to make this budget operative. Now what we are doing here are hearing a lot of people get up and say, let's have the Governor crawl in here on his hands and knees to make his own budget operative and it's very..it's a very degrading procedure for this body and it's a very degrading procedure for the state of Nebraska and I hope that before this week is out we can act like men again and conduct ourselves properly.

SPEAKER: What do you have to say to that, Senator Marsh? Senator Burbach. Senator Burbach passes. Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and members of the body, I very much enjoyed the very temperate remarks of Senator Cavanaugh. I wish the Governor would have followed your line of reasoning before he went to Omaha and made a speech about how we jacked up the sales and income tax without ever talking to the Appropriations Committee because we did nothing of the kind and I will reiterate what I said yesterday. The press didn't carry that in their news stories. They had generalizations about mumble, grumble from Budget Committee. Had nothing specific to the fact that pointed out we did nothing of the kind. He makes very inaccurate statements. He has no dialogue with us. He treats us in a very off-hand manner and then we are suppose to accept everything he says. Now, I think there ought to be a little dialogue and I support what Senator Cavanaugh says, but it is a two way street and all the signs I see got arrows pointing in one direction.

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, could you inform me of just what is before us right now.

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