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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, somebody injected the notion of game playing into the discussion and I feel the biggest game playing that the legislature played, was all of the actions taken references to LB 259, the Governor's bill. Now if somebodys going to talk about the small inconvenience to a farmer being here a few extra days, I can not sympathize with that in any way what so ever. They don't stop to think about the great inconvenience being caused to people by the great game we played on the entire State, with the playing and the schenanigans performed in connection with LB 259. So if that action is not rescinded, and some proper action taken on spending bills that are pending on final reading, then I'll move, every week, to not meet on Friday and maybe not on Thursday either, because all we're doing is playing a game and delaying action any way, and to the farmer, if you feel a little pinched, I'm very happy. The bitterness and the hostility and the frustration that we know is going to come out at the end of the session, may as well begin to come out today. When things are going your way, it is fine. When you feel a slight pinch, you holler. You want resolutions passed. You want your welfare programs and you want people to jump to your aid. Then when somebody mentions to you that your hurting the entire State by taking action that you did on this budget bill and not allowing other spending measures be considered, you have a heart of stone. Your ears are completely deafen. So if people are being absent tomorrow to play a game, it is very minor compared to the big one that has been played by the whole legislature. I hope we don't meet this Friday, next Friday, and if it drags on through the rest of this year. That is fine with me. Then we will all be in the same boat. Misery loves company. I want you to feel some of the misery too, and if I can help you to feel it, I certainly will do it.

SPEAKER: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'll thank Senator Chambers for his considerate and complementary remarks about the members of my profession. That isn't really why I rose to speak. I do want to support Senator Carstens in his serious and valid remarks and I want to firm mine up to a serious nature also, but I have tried to make this point several times, with simply asking all of us if we want to be here or not, doesn't seem to be valid. There should be, there are and we use legitimate reasons to not be here at any time. But just to say we want a long week-end, we want to go home and I'm sure that that is what some of this is, why this does not seem to be a valid reason for not meeting and I support Senator Carstens serious remarks.

SPEAKER: Why doesn't somebody make a motion that we meet tomorrow, convene and 9 a.m. and we'll dispose of this issue. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I move that we meet tomorrow at 9 a.m. and that we take up the non-controversial bills, until we get to them.

SPEAKER: Well Senator why don't, why don't we decide that non-controversial business tomorrow. I will have, I will have a list made up of non-controversial bills, then the body can decide which direction they want to go, depending on how many are here. Would you agree to confine your motion to, that we convene tomorrow at 9 a.m.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Right.

SPEAKER: Fine. Are you ready for the question? The motion is that we, when we adjourn today, we convene tomorrow at 9 a.m. All those in favor of the motion vote aye, those opposed vote no.