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passed. But that's beside the point. As long as he had the responsibility, I think they ought to be referred to the Budget Committee for them to recommend what we do in this particular area because basically it's their prime responsibility.

SPEAKER: Well, Senator Carpenter, the chair sees no problem with referring to other..Budget Committee. I see some possible problem with the Constitution here because under the Constitution which I don't have before me, the Speaker is required to introduce the Budget bill in behalf of the Governor but beyond that I really don't know and I would like to check with the Attorney General to see whether or not it's my obligation to sign these Bills because if it is not my obligation, I am not going to sign them. Not because I am for or against the bills, if I have to sign them, I will, and the Governor can introduce any bill he wants. I am wondering if you would hold your motion until we reconvene this afternoon. I don't particularly care but I've got these bills in my hot little hand and I don't know what to do with them and I'd like to consult with the Attorney General.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I have no objection to your suggestion.

SPEAKER: All right. Fine. Now, I want to instruct the assistant...

SENATOR CARPENTER: I might say if I can, Senator Marvel, I am sure he is alerted now that he can follow this thing through after the Chair makes up its mind what he wants to do.

SPEAKER: Yes, I will furnish him a copy of the letter and I would now like to instruct the Assistant Clerk to take these bills to the Honorable Clarence Meyer and ask him if its required...the law requires me to introduce them on behalf of the Governor. Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, Mr. President, I got in on the tail end of this message, apparently, but LB 505 is already introduced, isn't it and it's on the Board.

SPEAKER: My understanding it is.

SENATOR DUIS: Now, is this another bill to replace 505 or is this a situation that they just desires to have 505 passed.

SPEAKER: Senator, I haven't analyzed the bill.

SENATOR DUIS: OK. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: On a point of order, Mr. President, may I have explained to me the meaning of subsection b of...it's on Page 23, Rule 5. This says a bill may be introduced at the request of the Governor at any time. Now...

SPEAKER: Yes, that's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does..why is this going to the Attorney General? If the speaker would rather not sign the bill, then the Governor could get anybody he wants to to sign the bill...

SPEAKER: Well, this is absolutely correct, Senator, but the Governor sent the bills to me and I don't know for certain, at this moment, whether I have to introduce them under the law. If I do I will introduce them. If not

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