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effective date of this section. This was an issue when we came in here in January. It's still an issue and what's going to happen? If the Governor or the Department of Administrative Services decides to make a new contract, they still have approximately another 3½ months to do this so I would say that sponsors of this bill, they're being misled if they think the thing that they're going to accomplish is going to be accomplished by passing this bill. I have finally reached my decision, I'm going to vote to sustain the Governor's veto. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair next recognizes Senator Frank Lewis, then Senator Whitney, then Senator Stahmer. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, now wait a minute, Bill, I, I got my five cents coming. Just take it easy. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Legislature. I certainly am sad to have to follow Senator Carpenter and probably his greatest speech since I've been down here and Senator Chambers is always clever. I've tried to dress like him today and unfortunately I couldn't grow a beard so I'll do the best I can from here. I think there's two issues and I think Senator Luedtke addressed himself to one that is of real concern to me and I think he addressed it in a negative approach when he suggested that perhaps we should eliminate elected executive officers other than the Governor, Lieutenant Governor team. I happen to support that concept and I'll help him along and I'll draft the constitutional amendments to do the same because I think the responsibility for administration, responsibility for executive decisions should not rest with the committee of independently elected people but should rest exclusively with the Chief Executive of this State. Now I think the real problem here is that we have a problem getting information from the Department of Administrative Services and probably the reason we have that problem is there has been some criticism and I can't prove it, of the guy who's in charge. Now you either have one or two choices. You either get rid of the guy who's in charge or you destroy the department. Well you can't destroy the department because you have to have administrative services and you have to face up to that. That's like a doctor saying, well the operation was successful, I removed the tumor but I killed the patient and I think our problem is probably in trying to get someone in the Department of Administrative Services who is responsible. Now if you want to fire Gus Lieske, that's another issue and I'm not afraid of doing that. I don't mind seeing people fired, same way with our own staff. If our staff, as Senator Carstens is saying, is involving itself in policy decisions, making policy recommendations instead of providing data, let's fire them, but I don't think 452 is the approach and that's very consistent with what I've said during the whole debate on 452, that's going to make some of my friends very mad, Senator Duis may cancel our golf game this afternoon but I can pick up somebody else, but I still think that we ought to sustain the veto.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I'll be very brief. Senator Chambers has just inspired me to change the Whitney law from 5 to 3 by sleight of hand performance.

PRESIDENT: Chair next recognizes Senator Stahmer, then Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and Members of the body, I'm