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Tomorrow's going to be the last day you've got.

PRESIDENT: --Senator Carpenter-- (mike off)--now wait a minute, that's, the motion is to amend to 8:00 tomorrow, Senator Waldron? Chair recognizes Senator Waldron here.

SENATOR WALDRON: To 8:00 o'clock tomorrow morning after we finish with LB 256.

PRESIDENT: After we finish 256. Okay. That's the amendment before us now. Question is shall the Waldron amendment be adopted which would amend the adjournment time till 8:00 tomorrow and after we finish 256. All those in favor of that motion vote aye. All those opposed vote no. The motion is to adjourn till 8:00 o'clock tomorrow morning but only after we've finished the action today on 256. Motion is--we're voting on the motion to amend the motion to adjourn to adjourn until 8:00 o'clock till tomorrow morning but only after we finish 256. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 10 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Alright, we'll continue with the amendment then to 256. Yes, the Mahoney amendment, yes we're back to the Mahoney amendment. Alright we still have before the body the Mahoney amendment to 256. Question is shall the Mahoney--are you all through discussing the Mahoney amendment? Senator Carpenter, do you want to hear--speak on the Mahoney amendment?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I want to rise and speak in favor of the Mahoney amendment.

PRESIDENT: Go ahead sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: --make a few observations. What gives the Budget Committee such far seeing observation ability to determine what we do on this floor? Where's their capabilities come from? What makes them know what's good for our district. I've heard a hundred times that's what we're here, to represent the people that sent us down here. Now Senator Marvel this morning, he broke this whole thing up. He had a right to and I'm only admiring him for his courage to do what apparently he didn't anticipate would happen. He's been here a long time. He knows what goes on. We're here to represent our people. We realize by a collective idea we can do that and I don't think the members of the Budget Committee as they now exist or ever did exist or ever will exist, can do anything except to take the advice of others in an area because they don't know anything about it. Now we got a staff now, I presume, will be very competent. They've been staffed to a number in order to make them that way. They've got ample money but I don't see what--we should follow the leadership of the budget. They didn't even follow their own leadership in the area of their own budget, and neither did this body. Now after all, we're all 49 men and women, we're all above 21 years of age. We understand what we're doing. Let's get this budget over to the Governor and let him line it out, whatever he wants to do. He recommended \$18,000,000 the first year and we haven't exceeded that very materially anyway. We are not taking his advice either as I don't think we have to take his advice. If we're going to set over--like a bunch of dummies and let him tell us what to do, and let him say, this is what I want, you don't know what you do want anyway, you're completely without any