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the liberty of asking Senator Goodrich to get an estimate which he did the time before so we can submit it to the Executive Council so they can take whatever action they want to.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Would it be better if I make my comment at your next Executive Board Meeting because I would like to comment on your suggestion?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Go ahead.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Now or at your meeting?

SENATOR CARPENTER: It's up to the Chair. I have no objection.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson, what's your pleasure?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I would say if any member has any objection and there's enough opposition to the eventual consideration of it, I'm one of those who doesn't want to waste my time. I think I want to do what I can to give the membership those things which I think belong to you.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Well, this seems to me to be quite a major move and as one who sits in the back of the room and is probably bothered as much as anyone by the confusion that goes on on the floor, my first impression to your suggestion is that it is not the noise over there or over here that's really bothering the floor. It's noise on the floor and we're all guilty. We talk to each other, our secretaries come, we have...and apparently this is one of the necessities of being here. I'm not sure that glassing in the sides and helping to further deteriorate the decor of this room would really do any real good.

SENATOR CARPENTER: If I can reply to the Senator, you may be right. But if we do the other first, then it's only a matter of this Body saying to the presiding officer, we want you to keep it quiet because we are the ones that cause disturbance, if you're correct, and to some extent you are, and then we shouldn't complain that the presiding officer does what we want him to do. Sometimes we do do that. It's a difficult thing and this is a legislative body and we should have more decorum than we have. On the other hand, it's a friendly operation and we can't have everything because with 49 men and women, you have a variance of opinion. So, I think we ought to go as far as we can in order to accomplish what we're talking about. Now, if you have a desire, I would think to do something ahead of that time, get a motion in order to have this Body vote and that the presiding officer make a strict and narrow interpretation of the rules in order to stop all this noise which is very disconcerting at times.

PRESIDENT: I think the Chair really ought to comment at this point and then I'll call on Senator Duis and Senator Clark. I want to comment that first off it did help when you asked that no one be seated beside the senators because I know that conversations there at your seats were adding to the general noise in the Chamber itself, whereas, when you speak off in the wings and you carry on your conversations or dictate letters over in there, I'm sure that is not, of course, does not produce as much noise as when you're out here on the floor. Also, I might add in a joking way, that even if I rap my gavel up here, ordinarily you are very responsive and that you do hold it down and I would have to say that I've been very pleased in the way in which you respond. I try to not do that because I know that the discussion between you on the floor is important. I think humorously enough you might find this interesting that I have broken the gavel handle twice on this gavel I have and it's been repaired twice. It now has a stronger handle on it so that has been enlarged, we hope it will hold out at least for this session. Now, Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, in answer to Senator Dickinson, if I might. I've had the pleasure of visiting a number of legislatures in other states and we're the only one that has an open