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SENATOR DICKINSON: Is it true Mr. Clerk, what I said that the state employees have those days off.

CLERK: By statute they do, yes.

SPEAKER: Now is there further discussion. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Just a notation that last year we made our staff work on both of those holidays, and this year I would to have the courtesy this far ahead of time to see that our staff does not have to work on those days. Or else use them for catch days and not have us use them for Legislative days.

SPEAKER: Mr. Clerk would you read the motion.

CLERK: The motion is to take both the 11th and 12th and the 18th off as a formal legislative day.

SPEAKER: Now is there any further discussion. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, Mr. President we just got here, in session. And I don't think this is the time to start taking 2 or 3 days off, for whatever the reason is. These birthdays are significant of course, but they don't preclude us from doing what we are down here for. If you are going to take Monday and Tuesday off, why not the rest of the week. And I think we are here, we ought to stay and we ought to do what we're supposed to do and get out of here just as soon as we can. And I think we have a chance to get out ahead of the 60 legislative days. Now I'm not adamant about as far as I'm concerned, but I just don't think that this is the proper time to start taking days off.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members, I feel a little bit like Senator Carpenter. I think its rather difficult for those folks who are so far away in the western part of the state that have to pay their expenses down here. And from my own selfish standpoint we're farmers and we would like to get through this thing and get back to farming. Now I remember, I think if you will remember the first congress in Washington was set up to begin in the fall of the year when the work was over on the farm. And we need to get back there to farm this spring and we don't want to be sitting around here when we are supposed to be out planting corn.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion? Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I made the motion on the fact that there are two or three things. Number one, again we have a staff of state employees who are working for us. And certainly I think they are entitled to their vacation. Secondly, I think there are some things that people can do other than being down here. This might be a nice time to go back to your district and let them reflect on what you are doing, and have an opportunity to visit with them. I think that would give us a good opportunity. And besides that will be a month and a half after we have been down here, and I think that would be good for all of us for not to see one another for four or five days. It might improve our spirits a little bit, and our perspectives. I think as far as getting out early, one or two days are not going to make the difference. And if we really want to get out early we can move the thing on and go with it but, it is ridiculous and asinine to work on those days and