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PRESIDENT: The question is. Senator Carpenter he was closing and the debate has closed on this issue and the chair would rule that any more questions are out of order. At this time the question is, Shall the rules be suspended and the visitors then be allowed to use the space under the balcony, which ordinarily is reserved for the Legislature and the legislative staff, shall the rules be suspended. All those in favor will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. For the visitors who may wonder what sort of

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vote would be required on this. It takes 30 votes of the Legislature to suspend the rules. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 26 nays to suspend the rules.

PRESIDENT: O.K. The motion is lost. The Chair would like to point out to the J.C.'s and we would like to respectfully ask that you move to the balconies upstairs. Actually the seats up there are better and you can see more anyway. But I want to point out that the issue has been decided in open forum and that's one of the advantages of the Nebraska Unicameral forum and Legislative system is you don't ever have to wonder what's going on. There isn't any mystery. I was reminded that at one time we had foreign dignitaries here who remarked after they saw red lights appear on the board that it wouldn't be possible for them in their country to vote against an issue. And so that is one of the great marvels and one of the great things that relates to this particular body. I know that the J.C.'s will understand. You have rules and regulations in your organization and for the conduction of your meetings anyway. We thank you for your understanding.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Burbach asked to be excused. Senators Cal Carsten and Wiltse asked to be excused from 10:30 until 11:30.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections. Hearing none. So ordered. Senator Frank Lewis for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: I would like to make an inquiry, and I would ask Senator Carpenter as Chairman of the Executive Committee Board if he would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter will you yield?

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Since we are on the topic of the decorum of the floor. I saw someone out here measuring the other day. Has that been approved to put glass on the side of the chambers.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now in answer to your question. Senator Goodrich is asked by the Chairman of the Executive Board without anyone else's authority to have them get an estimate and the reason for the request was that he did it once before. And he did as I recall for the glass in the back of the room. He has not reported back to me from either report of the Executive Board from which he is a member what the cost it.