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PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, do you care to respond.

SENATOR CARPENTER: We can get the bills. I'm sure that the introducers are not willing to discuss them. They have all been put there for some reason. Most of them until Tuesday. And if it were Tuesday today, they ought to be for Wednesday of next week, because of the loss of a day. I don't think we are going to gain any ground by coming back here, until the committee shucks these bills out. I have never had this experience before in my term of office as Legislator. It's completely uncalled for and certainly something that ought to be corrected. And only the chairman of the committee can correct it. To put the matter in focus, Mr. President, I would move that we adjourn until Tuesday, but with the understanding that we will all come back and hold committee meetings, executive meetings in order to make a definite effort in order to get the bills out of committee that are reported out, or those in which you might be able to report out that are not reported out. Now with this, we are going to be looking for days in thirty days or so and we can't recover what ground you might have lost. So let me again make myself clear that I move when we adjourn today we adjourn until 10:00 Tuesday. But we all come back Monday. And Monday be used to call all committees into Executive Session in order to attempt to report the bills out on Tuesday, and to attempt to get other bills that have been considered out of the committee on Tuesday also. Because when we meet on Tuesday, we will have a back log of bills, probably at least by Wednesday anyway, and probably by that time we can take care of some of the bills which are bracketed on General File. I only give this as a suggestion. And I would those who are opposed to this motion would react to it now.

PRESIDENT: Be noted for the Chair to put this in perspective. The chair has before it a motion at this time, which is already on the desk, which would ask us to adjourn until 10:00, Monday. Now, let's assume that we are just debating or just discussing what's happening here. Now I have a line up of people. And you are going to have to be patient because I have the board lit up down here like you can't believe. It looks like a Christmas tree, with everybody that wants to comment. But try to listen to the discussion and see if some of your questions are not dissipated through the discussion as we move through this now. Next to speak was Senator Kennedy. Then I have.. Yes, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Also, the hearings that were scheduled for Monday, of course will go on as scheduled. I didn't bring that out.

PRESIDENT: All right. With the understanding that discussing of committee hearings would go on as scheduled Monday, yes. All right now, Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President, fellow members. In response to Senator Carpenter, as Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee, I would certainly love to have the opportunity for an Executive Session tomorrow morning. We will be here for a meeting in the afternoon, many of us. Then we could proceed again Monday morning, if we don't have enough. If you come in and are here an hour and that accomplishes what we need here on the floor then give us an opportunity to again go into Executive Session. We have not been able to get a Quorum together