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and I would hope at this time that I could have my committee meet tomorrow in executive session. If we would come in here and spend an hour whatever time is necessary, I'd like to see we get some action here and get something done.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy, the Chair would like to point out that you can call a meeting of your committee any time that you need to. And I understand your predicament here in trying to present this to the body, but the motion to adjourn until Monday or Tuesday has no bearing on your committee meeting other than ...

SENATOR KENNEDY: I think it does, because we have gentlemen coming in from not quite Scottsbluff, but in that very near area, and I'm sure they understand that they are here they would like to accomplish what they are here for, and running back and forth with the fuel shortage and many other things..

PRESIDENT: This motion does not preclude you having your committee hearings at all.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I think it does, because if we are not meeting here executive meeting in our regular session tomorrow and again Monday. It's going to be difficult to have these people in from that far distance. That's what I'm asking for.

PRESIDENT: The chair would like to ask why, Senator?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Unless we have a regular session tomorrow. Those people are going to take off and be gone. So I won't have a quorum again.

PRESIDENT: For your committee meetings?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Well he has stated his predicament. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: He ought to exercise his prerogative as a chairman, and if they don't meet ask the Committee on Committees the Executive Boards to get you some other boys. If being away is more important than doing the work here, why we ought to replace them.

SENATOR KENNEDY: We did have a quorum of 4, and we operated pretty successfully with that 4, but we've got a few other problems that might take 5, and I appreciate your offering to help, service with us and be asking you in the very near future.

SENATOR CARPENTER: One other one, and then I'll quit. I understood and know a committee that I am a member of to operate with 2 or 3 or 4 members. And there is no reason if your membership is not there, why you can't do it. Then they are in no position to protest.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I accept your challenge and I'll serve with you any time you need me to.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Kelly.