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PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, will you yield?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Certainly.

SENATOR BARNETT: I would imagine your bill doesn't... your motion doesn't include in the event of an emergency, we could just suspend the rules, right.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Anything, that's...

SENATOR BARNETT: We could actually do it by voting against them if they wanted to introduce them. Right?

SENATOR CARPENTER: You could always make the exception. It's just a sort of an acknowledgement that atleast for the time being we will not introduce any more bills, unless they have an emergency status until ten days have elapsed, calendar days in order to attempt to move what's on General File forward so that we people and those people have bills can have some belief that they are going to be considered before we adjourn and leave them all dead on the board up there.

SENATOR BARNETT: I think you have answered the question as far as the emergency is concerned, that's all that I was interested in.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Proud, then Senator Kennedy.

SPEAKER PROUD: I think it's harmless, I think that exactly Senator Carpenter said it is kind of a guideline or policy 'cause the facts of the matter are that it takes 30 votes anyway to introduce a bill and it takes 30 votes to suspend the rules. So, it's all sort of one in the same. But I see no harm in adopting it as sort of a reminder that we've got a lot of work to do besides introducing new bills.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy. Speaking on the Carpenter motion only.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President, and fellow members I have three bills from the Health & Welfare Committee that I just laid up on Vince's desk that I want to have introduced, but I do need just a brief information on some facts. I asked for it and they told me they'd have it here this morning. We voted, the committee unanimously signed the bill. They are laying up there, but I need some facts a little bit on it. They are important, we had an executive meeting yesterday. We decided out of eight bills we picked out these three and I would hope that you would give us an opportunity to introduce them as the committee has...and we have a date set for the hearing, the last date of hearing we put all those bills that will be introduced will be on that same date. So we will be accomplishing what we set out to do in the hearing so I don't think it will affect the time schedule of public hearing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, do you care to respond to Senator Kennedy's predicament.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I don't want to get involved so I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my motion. Let nature take it's course.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter asking unanimous consent now to withdraw the motion. Are there objections to the withdrawal of the motion? Hearing none so ordered, the motion is withdrawn.