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Mr. President, I have amendments in LB 334 to lay the bill over. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to be excused for the balance of the day (Signed) Senator Richendifer.

(End Belt #4)

(Start Belt #5)

PRESIDENT: Are there objections, hearing none. So ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Constitutional Revision and Recreation instructs me to report that the legislation of LB 627 be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. President, I move that we advise the Governor that in our opinion it is not necessary to require the Executive Branch Personnel to work even on a skeleton basis on February 12 and 18th (Signed) Senator Goodrich.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, and members of the body- Whatever the Legislature works on a holiday the Governor requires that the different departments and agencies of State Government keep a skeleton force on duty because of the fact that we are in session. This is the case, we have a bulletin which they put, Mr. Peters the Personnel Director says in essence that the Departments and Agencies must keep a skeleton force on duty because of the fact that we are in session on February 12th, which is Lincoln's birthday, and on Washington's birthday. I am suggesting that we advise the Governor that we do not need the skeleton staff. We do not need to make state employees work on holidays just because we are in session. WE can get along that day without them and they can go ahead and plan their three day weekends and that sort of thing to the best interests of the family itself and I would suggest that we adopt this resolution and let those employees take their regular holidays off. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Syas did you want to be heard on the motion before us?

SENATOR SYAS: I just want to ask Senator Goodrich what skeleton forces are involved?

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, DO YOU care to respond. Did you hear the question.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes. I'll read the bulletin. It says. It's on Governor Exon's stationery. TO ALL AGENCIES: FROM WILLIAM C. PETERS, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL. SUBJECT: Lincoln's Birthday. February 12. Washington's birthday February 18th. Which happens to be the 22nd, but that is immaterial. The Legislature will be in session on both February 12 and February 18. All state agencies shall maintain, shall remain open for business on those days. Offices may be manned by a reduced strength sufficient to provide services to the Legislature and the public if necessary. Employees required to work on those days shall be given a day of compensatory time off for each work day. It's a skeleton force that the agency then has to go through each department head or agency head has to go through and pick