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out a skeleton force that must work on that day, just because of the fact that the Legislature is in session. I contend frankly that that is not necessary, that we can be in session without those people having to work on a regular holiday.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I just want to know what was involved. I'm not opposing the thing, the only thing about it is that I suppose if we need something that day why we just couldn't have it. That's all there is to it.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the motion. Senator Stromer do you wish to be heard on the issue.

SENATOR STROMER: Would Senator Goodrich yield to a question, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich yield?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR STROMER: Senator Goodrich, isn't this really a decision of the Executive branch. So they can do whatever they want to do, I mean isn't it their decision if they want to keep a skeleton crew or no officials or if they want to keep a full staff. Is this really a decision of ours?

SENATOR GOODRICH: That's exactly what the motion on the desk says. This is still a Executive Board decision. All we're saying to him is, that just because we as a Legislature are in session he need not keep a skeleton force in the agencies. We are not telling him what to do, we are just telling him that we don't need these employees to have to work on a holiday just because the fact that we are in session.

PRESIDENT: O.K. Senator Stromer.

SENATOR STROMER: It would seem to me that he has already made that decision, and decided that he would like to keep a skeleton crew.

SENATOR GOODRICH: That's because of the fact that we are in session. He's just doing this as a convenience to us. I'm saying we should tell him that on these two particular holidays we don't need that service, to us. We can get by on these two holidays. Let's try it that way on these two holidays and see if it works. If it has no problem, then we can go on and continue it as a continuing practice and let these of State Government have their regular holidays off, be able to plan their three day weekends with their family activities and have a much smoother life style.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer do you wish to be heard on the issue? Now is there any further discussion of the motion? Do you all understand the motion. Let's have the Clerk read the motion so we will know what we are talking about.

CLERK: The motion is Mr. President, I move to advise the Governor that in our opinion it is not necessary to require Executive branch personnel to work even on a skeleton basis on February 12th and the 18th.