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in here every morning, of course, we inherited four more bills which is in our category and which should have been assigned to us. In legislatures in the past and, of course, I've been here for quite some time, we didn't have this happen. As long as you senators, I just want to say, are willing to throw in bills every day. Sometimes we throw in more bills than we actually advance. We're going to have more and more committee hearings and there's going to be no cut-off date. Each senator was allowed 10 bills but what we have done is we use the committee method to make up for lack of bills introduced by individual senators. In 22 years, I've never seen such a session as this one is. We've got enough on the board right now to hold us for the next 29 days. We're going to walk off here with a lot of bills on the board and I hope that we learn our lesson by so doing. But, this seems to have no end and this is the facts of life that I'm telling you because I've observed in the past and now and so continue what you're doing because in 29 more days, we adjourn and we leave everything on the board anyhow. But I do think it's unfair to have committees out on hearings when you do start and then have things go on on this floor that the committee members may be interested on. I think we should, we won't come to any cut-off date, I know that, but it can't be this week anyhow. And, probably we won't come to a cut-off date. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I would like to supplement what Senator Proud has indicated. We really don't have any problem. There's no reason why this Body can't take care of every bill on the board now. There's no reason why we can't introduce those bills that this Body wants to introduce. What I would like to suggest to Senator Proud is that he get a list and you can almost tell by looking at most bills whether they're controversial or not. And, starting tomorrow afternoon, he puts a list, today is preferable, somewhere on the board and those committees which are going to be out, let them have marked from those lists those bills they have some interest in. Now, on Friday, we passed 30 bills. It was only a matter of procedure. There are one or two exceptions and in those cases, pass them over. Now, let me say to the committees, if you meet at 1:00 o'clock, if you don't complete your business, adjourn or recess until the next day at 1:00 o'clock and the next day at 1:00 o'clock. There's no reason to make this thing difficult. We can do all we've got on that board and all that's going to be put on that board with one exception. The main budget bill which is not yet completed. There could be a lot of discussion and I think there will be a lot of discussion. In any case, we must pass the budget bill, not LB997, but the other one so we can send the Governor this date and he can do what he wants to within his own....but we ought to be here to exercise our own judgment if this happens, if this happens, they'll attempt to override his judgment. After all, the responsibility of all of these things are our responsibility. The Governor only does what we permit him to do. He's not God. And I don't want this....let me say, I'm always going to be a state senator whether I'm here or not irrespective of anything else that might happen. My heart and my mind is here and you people are not recognized for what we are and to that I resent it.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion now of Senator Proud's observations? Senator Proud, do you want to go ahead and close on this?

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, I think, I'm not sure, if my memory serves me correctly, Senator Carpenter made a motion some time ago that we start all day sessions today. Is that correct, Mr. Clerk or not? That we start them tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: Well, it's between today and tomorrow if I recollect it. Hold it just a minute, there was a motion to that effect though.