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PRESIDENT: That's fine, Senator Dickinson. You know, just either get your light on or pop up or wave your handkerchief or something back there to get my attention and I'll be glad to take it. You have to understand that the Chair's in a little difficult position in that I don't decide the issues for the Body. The Body decides the issues and I would like to just respectfully point out that you have to do that by indicating your disapproval or else moving that something be laid off if you find it to be controversial. The Chair can't just automatically do this despite whatever might be the indication from the Body. That's a difficult position in which you put the chair. Now, we have an objection, Senator Stull, to your unanimous consent motion. Would you care to move now?

SENATOR STULL: I would move the motion.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Stull is now moving the motion that LB771 be placed at the head of General File for bracketing and to be heard tomorrow. Now, Senator Duis. The motion before the house is put LB771 ahead. Senator Syas, do you want to be heard on the issue? All right. Speaker Proud, do you want to be heard regarding the motion to place LB771 at the head of General File?

SENATOR PROUD: Yes, Senator Stull, where is that bill now? You perhaps said but I didn't hear you.

SENATOR STULL: It's the third bill from the bottom.

SENATOR PROUD: Is there a necessity for putting it up there?

SENATOR STULL: Well, there about four counties that have money invested and when interest comes due on this money, they would like to put it back in the same funds from which the funds are invested from.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, I would like to make this remark in accord with what Senator Dickinson says. I have a great deal of faith in Senator Stull and I figure anytime that there is a true emergency, I see nothing the matter with doing this. However, I want to caution the Body that if one person does this, then the other person can. And we get into a big hodgepodge. Now, there are other senators who I'm sure have bills that they'd like to get up at the top of General File. I've witnessed this business over a period of 10 years. It gets to the point where you can't rely on General File at all. You look at the list and you figure your bill will be coming up just about a certain day. Then, somebody pops up, I'm just as guilty as anybody else, and says I want my bill moved up to the top of General File. Now, the tendency among us is we don't want to get in the way of another state senator because the next day we may have the same request and we want him to cooperate. But, in the meantime, everything gets all gummed up. Now, if Senator Stull has a good and valid reason, why his bill should be moved ahead of everybody else's. Then that's all right with me. I'm not sure that he does but I think every request to move a bill, any bill, up to the top of General File, you should be very careful before you vote to do this. Because you're going to be doing it again and again and again until we can rely on nothing down here.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, I'll withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Stull. The motion was withdrawn. Before we begin the introduction of bills, whoops, the Chair would like the privilege of introducing some guests that we have. Seated up here beside me this morning, I have Cecile Lopez and Dennis Fierro. They are from Los Noches, Mexico. They're Rotary exchange students. Laurie Smith, one of our pages, stayed last year at