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SENATOR CARPENTER'S POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

SENATOR CARPENTER: I rise to a point of personal privilege. I wonder if the President would have somebody take his seat. I would like to ask him a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke, will you please come up to the podium?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Will Senator Whitney yield to a question from Senator Carpenter?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, I yield.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Senator, believe me, I have nothing that .....except the best intentions in my mind.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Thank you.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Which is unusual. On February 19th, Senator Cavanaugh wrote a letter to you pertaining to investigating and studying the lobbyists that are surrounding us most of the time. He seemed to feel that there was something going on that's distasteful, dishonest, and unacceptable. Now, we had this bill before the Miscellaneous sub-committee and I think Senator Luedtke, who is now in the Chair, asked Senator Cavanaugh for some specific information. He did not have any at that time. Now the question is.....you received a letter from Senator Cavanaugh?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Are you in a position to proceed right away?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Carpenter, upon receipt of that letter, I asked Senator Cavanaugh to appear before the Committee on Committees which he did this morning. He was given the opportunity earlier but his automobile broke down and so he couldn't appear at that time. So, he appeared this morning and we've had a discussion of this and it came time for the Legislature start this morning and so we had to break up.... in order to get here on time. We gave him about 25 minutes time. And so, the Committee on Committees has this under discussion at the present time and I asked Senator Cavanaugh to present to the Committee on Committees a change in the form on which the lobbyists file. I asked, also, any member of the committee to do so and it appeared at the committee hearing this morning that the law was satisfactory but that the form on which the lobbyists have to write their information was not satisfactory. And so, at the moment, we are going to try and study the form and then check with Vince Brown, our Clerk, to see if this will comply with what Senator Cavanaugh wants done.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I'm not concerned what Senator Cavanaugh wants done. I'm concerned what the Committee on Committees is going to do. And before you do anything, will you submit that to the Legislature?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Will I submit what?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Whatever you're going to do. Forms or anything else. I don't think the committee has the authority or responsibility to change any forms without first the permission of this Body. And the reason I say this, the senator made very serious acquisitions which reflect not only upon the lobbyist but the senators. Now, for the record, I've been in this Body sixteen years and I've never taken a quarter