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PRESIDENT: Legislature please come to order. Please record your presence. Please record your presence. We don't have a quorum yet. Record the vote.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Legislature is in order. The Chair recognizes...

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Stromer asked to be excused for the afternoon. The Ag Committee asked to be excused until they arrive and the Appropriations Committee asked to be excused.

PRESIDENT: Any objections? If not, so ordered. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I would like to suggest that this afternoon, since there are two committees absent plus two or three other senators, the Attorney General said we're the judges of our own rules and what we do over here. So, I would like to suggest this afternoon on General File, we move the bills with the unanimous consent, not the regular voting procedure. In the event there's a bill there, you don't want to be moved over, ask to have it passed over. Otherwise, we'll be here all afternoon and not accomplish the purpose we're here for. I've contacted almost every senator and indicated what desire might be.

PRESIDENT: Are there any objections to the unanimous consent motion? Do we have an objection from our chairman of the Rules Committee?

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I just got in the room and I didn't hear the motion.

PRESIDENT: That we pass bills from General File to E & R Review by unanimous consent. Since there are two committees out,.....

SENATOR DUIS: I would suggest then that the ruling come from the Chair and then if anybody decides that they wish to oppose the ruling, they can do so. But, I would suggest that the ruling come from the Chair.

PRESIDENT: Since Senator Carpenter did not get any persons to object, the ruling from the Chair shall be that we will since Senator Carpenter said the Attorney General said that we can have our own rules that we'll, for a while at least, take non-controversial bills and that we will advance them to E & R initial. With the unanimous consent, anybody here can make a motion to overrule the Chair. Is there such a motion? Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. Chairman, I assume that if the motion was made for a machine vote that it would be acknowledged, wouldn't it? If we get to one that someone doesn't want voted off on unanimous consent to make a motion to ask for a machine vote?

PRESIDENT: If....you....it would be laid over, I think if there's any question as to whether or not it's a controversy. Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, Mr. President, in answer to Senator Richendifer, if there's anyone who objects to the unanimous consent, it'll have to be laid over. There's no necessity for