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SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and Senator Carpenter, we have a hearing scheduled again at 12:30 and I was hoping we'd be finished but we may not be. I would hope that conclude the hearing until we are finished.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Is the Budget Committee...are they going to be occupied tomorrow on their own budget? They'll not be here.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Yes, we'll be occupied tomorrow until midnight tomorrow night. We intend to finish that budget tomorrow night.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, if you'll make me a part of your committee, I think I can help you get it out of there.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, there's no other committee hearings excepting Schmit's committee and Budget Committee?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, Mr. President, can it be generally understood without committing anybody that when we adjourn tomorrow at noon or approximately noon. We would adjourn until 10 a.m. Monday. I'd like to get back home. I'm willing to stay if we're going to work but I don't want to sit around here doing nothing. Is there anybody that would object to that?

PRESIDENT: There are some objections. Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President, I'd like to object to the extent that we ought to, I think we're far enough along and we can handle the bills up here now. I think our public hearings are pretty well done. It seems to me that we ought to be here to work. If we've not voted, I'm sure I'd like to say let's get on with our work and get it over with.

SENATOR CARPENTER: We can't work, Senator, with much less than 30 members being present. We're just spinning our wheels and there's not going to be 30 members present.

SENATOR KENNEDY: You don't think there'll be 30 here Friday? They say there's no.....

SENATOR CARPENTER: I don't think so. I don't think anybody's going to be here Friday.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stromer. Excuse me, Senator Kennedy, were you through?

SENATOR KENNEDY: My question is, how come we're not going to be here Friday, I guess?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Because there's nothing for us to do. We've got too many committees working, they've got other things more important than this.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I thought they just announced there weren't going to be any committees besides the committee tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: There's only been one member excused for Friday so far. Senator Clark, is the Budget Committee going to meet on Friday? In the afternoon?

SENATOR CLARK: We'll be here Friday.

PRESIDENT: The Budget Committee will be here Friday? What will they be.....in committee hearing?