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PRESIDENT: All right, now, I think we also have sound restored. I must have supplied some sort of a magical bounce up here but anyway...you've heard where we are. You have 30 people indicating they're going to be here this afternoon. From that indication does the Chair draw the conclusion that you want to take up non-controversial bills this afternoon? All right, we'll proceed on that general idea. And then the ideas when we adjourn today, is it the Chair's understanding that you want then to follow Senator Carpenter's suggestion that you adjourn until 10 a.m. Monday. The Chair would accept discussion on that if you want to discuss your possible adjournment time today until 10 a.m. Monday. I've got all sorts of lights on here. Let's see, Senator Schmit, he's not here. Is there any further discussion then of the 10:00 o'clock adjournment Monday because I don't want to just shut it off. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President,.....

PRESIDENT: It's okay, you're on, it's just weak.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the Body. We speeded up yesterday or day before yesterday in the afternoon and ran across a lot of bills on the basis we were behind. And I don't quite understand how we got ahead to where we want to slow down now. I think we ought to maintain a steady pace and meet every day.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, do you care to respond?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, the reason is, Senator, that we don't have the help to do it. I tried to explain that to you. Mr. Burnett is gone. His mother is critically ill so he says. He may not be back for a week. In the meantime, we're improvising with Mr. Kuchel and the man in his office. Now, this is a highly delicate job they do down there. The important thing is accuracy and not speed, that's the reason.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten. The Chair recognizes Senator Cal Carsten here. Stand by just a minute here. Senator Cal Carsten.

SENATOR CAL CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I appreciate the condition under which we're operating now but I also appreciate the work load that is ahead of us. I personally can see no reason for us to relax our efforts and to keep the load where it's at down there. I believe if they've got a bunch of bills to work on, they'll work on them as they get to them. And I think we can go ahead and work on General File tomorrow, let those bills that we take care of tomorrow all follow in their order and when that department gets to them, they will work on them. I think we've got enough work here now. They'll get caught up. I'm sure of that so we can keep going on down the line. I think we need to stay here and work on as many as we can.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, I'd just briefly like to endorse what Senator Carpenter said. We're trying to get this budget bill wrapped up and that takes nine of us out of here. We say we have noncontroversial bills, I read the paper the next morning. My hair stands on end at some of the things that happened. But I think definitely we can get this wrapped up Friday and then we can go back to full work and hopefully Emery will be here. So let's get this show on the road.