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SENATOR CARPENTER: No, I was going to speak. I'll pass.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cal Carsten, will you turn your light off. Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Luedtke, there is a question. It is Wednesday night, that's correct is it not Senator. Senator Whitney was asking me that question. Now I'd like to speak in and favor Senator Luedtke's motion, in spite of the fact that Senator Luedtke and the Judiciary Committee might be guilty of sin and they are going to hell for introducing a thousand bills. What difference does it make. There are important bills on that board. So we mickey mouse, so we didn't have the leadership. So what, are we supposed to make two mistakes instead of just one. I think that Senator Luedtke is to be lauded for suggesting this. I have no bill that I a..can't live without. I'll tell you that right now. But I have to believe that there are some important bills for the benefit of the people of this state. And I say you are only going to compound your problem. Senator Syas could not be more incorrect because the people had no choice. You gave them a 60 and a 90 day gismo to vote on. If they had their real choice, God only knows what they would have chosen. We don't give people 10 choices and say pick the one you like, we give them a choice and they are stuck with it, and they might be stuck with something inappropriate. I think our intelligence tells us there is important bills for the benefit of the people of this state. And I don't care if we meet until midnight, and kill every bill we discuss. We don't have to pass them, we can kill them. But at least we can say to the people by God we tried to give you some government in spite of the mickey mousing that we had going on most of the year. Let's not make two mistakes. Let's try to make the best thing we can out of a poor situation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH; Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind this body that many other state Legislatures regularly meet at night. We have work to do, I think it's very forward looking of Senator Luedtke to offer us this option. And I feel like it would be a good idea if there are thirty of us who are willing to come and listen on Wednesday night for those thirty to be concerned enough to offer the opportunity for open forum and debate on the underlined bills, and I would support his motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: I'll take the position that Senator Carpenter had passed on to say that I could never find an occasion where Senator David Stahmer is more wrong in that everything on that board as to be cleaned up and the pantry has to be cleaned. The people of the state of Nebraska, Senator Stahmer, would be so much better off if you left the night sessions alone and left the bills where they are at.

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