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PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I forgot to mention one thing, another thing. If there is to be a bottle neck, and I can not say whether it will be or not, it will be in the area of those who have the responsibility to finally prepare the bills. And of course, those on Final Reading are already prepared. Now these appropriations bills are long bills, and they require some application of knowledge and to get them done, so I just want to alert you, if we are going to have a problem it's going to be a problem not the bills or here, but the problem of the people downstairs having the time in order to bring them up on the board so we can do what we want to with the bills themselves. I only call that to your attention.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Might I ask the Chair a question.

PRESIDENT: Shoot.

SENATOR CLARK: What position does this put us in in the Budget Bills? How many amendments are on, say 1055, Vince did you have up there. How many more on 1054.

CLERK: 10 on 1055...

SENATOR CLARK: I think it has a tremendous bearing on whether we are going to go over forty days or not. It's going to take us a long time on Select File, if you are going to tackle amendments up there.

CLERK: Those bills aren't even there yet, so...

SENATOR CLARK: Pardon.

CLERK: The bills aren't on Select File, yet, so there is not anything you can do on them.

SENATOR CLARK: I know they are not on Select File, but when they get on Select File you have a bunch of amendments up there don't you.

CLERK: Yes.

SENATOR CLARK: And that's going to take a long time.

CLERK: Some time, yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Well, the way things are going around here, it will take a long time. What position is that going to put us in. I mean I don't care about going to General File, or..but I'm not going to stay over 40 days if I can possibly help it.

CLERK: Well, I would assume that if you have some stuff come into Select File that you want to give consideration, just revert to Select File.

SENATOR CLARK: What.

CLERK: Revert to Select File, if something comes in, that you want to go back to. Because that is a critical stage, you have a lot of E & R work on it, if you amend them very much.