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SENATOR SYAS: Well, that's something.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, now we...can we say with assurance that certainly after tomorrow no bill on General File has any possibility of being passed into law?

MR. BURNETT: I think that's a safe statement, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT: Are there any further questions of Mr. Burnett? Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: On the bills on Final Reading that we haven't been having Final Reading, in your opinion, is there any foul-up there by not having Final Reading? Could the mere fact that we're having Final Reading cause you some difficulty on moving bills over?

MR. BURNETT: The only...the only extreme outside chance would be if there were some correlation problems that arose and bills were passed out of proper sequence. But that is only an extreme outside possibility. I have no difficulty at all, no problem whatsoever by holding them there.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: What would prevent bills from being processed that were being handled on Thursday on General File? What's the limiting factor?

MR. BURNETT: The limiting factor is the human factor of time and the ability to do things. If you do meet Thursday of this week, Senator, I may not be able to get reported to Final Reading on that date. Every bill that you want to have for a veto override day, there comes a real problem on that.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well, if we aren't concerned about an override and then what's the situation? Can't they be handled Thursday?

MR. BURNETT: First of all, Senator, my recommendation is that you do not meet Thursday of this week. So let's say Monday which is the date that I'm suggesting as the 57th legislative day. There is a possibility that I would be able to move them that rapidly.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well, another question. Couldn't we make it more acceptable to you by returning later? Giving you more time?

MR. BURNETT: I think that in asking for four days, I'm asking for enough to meet that 57th day problem. I did say, Senator, you recall, that I want to keep the options open as to whether you should meet on Tuesday of next week or whether you could possibly come in Monday. Take whatever action you want on bills and then leave me free for a day, possibly even two days. And I'm trying to meet them meeting on Good Friday but I want to keep that option open if I may.