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SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I feel like Senator Carpenter does. That it should be...the latter part of that should be deleted. I have a motion up there to delete the April 18th. Now, it just seems to me, some of us western Nebraska senators...it takes us a day to drive, both down and a day to drive home...a day to be here. It takes two extra days and I feel that if the Governor will get these back to us, I think his word is good. I think he'll get back to us. And he's had his fiscal analyst working on these for a week. He knows what we've done every minute of the day so he's all ready to veto item by item if he wants to. And I'm certain that he would have those vetos back to us by the time we get ready to go tomorrow morning.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, did you want to be heard on the issue here? All right, passing. Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and members, I think probably we should also consider our constituents in this matter. They'll probably want to look at these bills too after we pass them and they're sent over to the Governor. So if we wait until the 18th, we'll be doing up...we'll give them time to look at things too. And sort of add up and see where we are in the way of income and sales tax, etc. So this...might be a long trip but we'll be here. I only have to drive 100 miles but it would take probably two or three days. But that's what we...when we ran for office, that's what we accepted, and to do the constituent a good job, we should come back the 18th for one day and then in the interim we'd have the input of our constituents on these particular bills...all these bills that we're passing. So let's give our constituents a little consideration too.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, then Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and fellow senators. If the Governor returns the bills today, we're in fine shape. And this motion covers that possibility. If the Governor does not return the bills today, this motion also covers that possibility. We were elected to represent our various districts. I think part of that representation means allowing sufficient time to look at an override if this is necessary. I would hate to tie our own hands so that we would be unable to override. Simply because of the inconvenience of coming back. It means more inconvenience for some of this Body than it does for others. But when you were elected, you also knew this. We have a responsibility to those persons who elected us. I feel that this motion as it is drawn will cover both possibilities. Let's pass this now and go on with the reading on Final Reading.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke and then back to Senator Marvel.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I rise to support Senator Marvel's motion. I think Senator Marsh said it very well. The motion reads very accurately if the Governor fails to take either such action and it would only be under those circumstances. If the Governor carries out his promise to us that he will return them, there's nothing to worry about. And also, I must remind us that we do not all have to come back, only those of us who want to come back just so we have a quorum or so we have enough votes to override any veto we want to override. That's all we need. So those of you that do not want to come back, you can be the judge for yourself. But I think we've