

May 9, 1979

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

CHAPLAIN: Prayer offered.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Roll call. Have you all recorded your vote?

CLERK: Senator Vickers and Senator Venditte would like to be excused until they arrive, Mr. President. Quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have any corrections?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have any #4 items?

CLERK: No, sir, I do not.

SPEAKER MARVEL: As we are ready to take up item #5 I would like to have the attention of the Legislature for a minute. The Chair intends, with your cooperation, to limit debate from now on out. If we do not take upon ourselves this responsibility this Legislature will not even be prepared to adjourn on the 23rd. If we continue unlimited debate as we have the last few days we will simply limit any opportunity that this Legislature has to finish its business. The Chair thought for a little while, at three o'clock this morning, that the way to solve the problem was simply to adjourn this Legislature for about a week until we settled down and then return. I cannot possibly do this by myself and wouldn't want to. Unless we can have the cooperation of everybody to limit discussion from here on out, we cannot complete our work. Now the record shows at the moment that on Friday morning we will have approximately two hundred and seventy pages of budget bills to read. This is our first priority. We have to pass the budget bills or we will be called back into special session. In addition to this we have, if you will note in your worksheet as far as Final Reading section is concerned, as far as the General File section is concerned, there are many A bills involved. These bills have to be acknowledged and somehow or other, processed. The budget bills and the A bills are our first priority. We have effectively eliminated any chance to use a consent calendar from here on out. After the discussion today, the bills on General File will set where they are until next session. This the debate of the last two or three days has made possible so those who may be interested, we are in a time bind and the Chair will hope that, for instance, when we start the motions on #5 they