

I discussed the matter of a four-day work week, and, of course, it seems to be when you talk about a four-day work week, you think first of all and first and foremost of education. I have discussed this matter with many educators in the field of education and, you know, they want to go to a four-day work week. Now a part of this resolution which is not before us this morning that I am going to make a part of this effort here this morning is twofold. Number one, when we talk about a four-day work week we are talking about the four-day work week only during the months in which energy is consumed the most, and that, ladies and gentlemen, is during the months of January and February. So when we are talking about a four-day work week, we are talking about Monday through Thursday, shutting down those boilers Thursday night and not turning them on again until Monday morning.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARSH: There is no number up so I do not know what we are discussing on the floor at the moment.

PRESIDENT: Oh, all right, the Chair will advise you. It is LR 186 and it should be up there. Legislative Resolution. The first one under agenda 7, item #7. Proceed, Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and gentlemen, and members of the Legislature, just imagine if all businesses, schools, etcetera, were closed every Friday or every Monday of each week. Workers would not be driving to work and one-day shutdown would include all forms of metro area transit that we have in our various communities, school-buses, city, state, county and political subdivision autos, trucks and other special machines, delivery trucks, yes, and most taxis. Closing all businesses one day a week should include industry, all industry, one day a week. Number four, savings would be made of all energies, including oil, natural gas, gasoline, propane, butane, fuel coal and electricity. To effect the greatest savings of all, all operations within the state with the exception of hospitals, fire, police, should be closed on the same day of the week. You know the theory that people would drive on this day off is unlikely because everything is shut down, shows, places to shop, bars, so where would they go. Maybe to visit a neighbor or maybe even play with their children, and you know, that can't be so bad. Of course, if you have fourteen kids like Senator Wagner that could be somewhat catastrophic, but if the four-day work week were adopted nationally, if this were adopted