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SPEAKER MARVEL: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business I am about to sign and do sign LR 40, LR 41, LR 42.

Subject to the approval of the Legislature and since there are thirteen absent at the moment it will be unfair to proceed with Final Reading first so I would propose to go down to General File. Those who are absent would like to have their bills passed over. I will ask that this is done and if the majority of the Legislature does not want to pass over these, then of course, that is your prerogative. And so if there is no objections we will turn to General File, item #6, and the first bill... Okay, we will pass over LB 298. We are now on item 6. If anybody has any comments why, please let us hear about it. 298 is Vard Johnson's. Senator Hoagland. Just a minute, let's get you turned on first.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: When would you guess we will get to Final Reading? What is your intention with respect to when we will return to Final Reading this morning? Around ten o'clock?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well first of all we will see what happens with General File. I don't think we can turn to Final Reading when there are thirteen gone.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Is there any indication as to when they will be here?

SPEAKER MARVEL: No, sir.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, if there is no objections we will pass over LB 298, that is Vard Johnson's bill; LB 531, that is Senator Labedz's bill. Yes. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I didn't hear when you said you were going to pass over 40. Why is that going to be passed over?

SPEAKER MARVEL: I guess the people who are gone requested it. I said I would ask that it be passed over. There is one item, since you bring up the subject, I would like to call this to your attention and I think what we will need to do is to visit with the chairmen tomorrow, but we do not have a procedure at the moment for handling bills which did not pass and probably they should go to the bottom of the heap. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Is LB 40 a priority bill?