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PRESIDENT: May we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh for point of personal...

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, members of the Legislature. It was not a joking matter. We are urging the other members of the Legislature to commit some time as well as the Appropriations Committee. Thursday and Friday you expected to be here anyway. You could very well, without changing too many major plans, still be here Thursday and Friday to sit with us in deliberation. Nine o'clock, it will be posted, I can't tell you wh...it dep...I think maybe we'll just have a Page go around and see who of you might be willing, so we know what size room. You may not send a staff in your place, I want to make this very clear. We would like to have the senators present, but not to have a staff sit in if, for any reason, it is impossible to be there. We need you. We need your counsel. I think we will probably have to finish up the following week. But we need you Thursday and Friday, and I can't say this loudly enough. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Marsh. Now we'll proceed into General File for the special order agenda. (Gavel.) LB 556 which has one hour's debating time allowed to it which will begin at the start of the first speaker. Mr. Clerk, would you advise as to the nature of 556 and its condition before us.

CLERK: Mr. President, 556 was offered by Senator Labeledz and co-signed by Senator Hall. (Title read.) The bill was read on January 22 for the first time, Mr. President. It was referred to the Revenue Committee. On April 16 Senator Labeledz moved that the bill be brought from committee. On April 24 that motion was successful. The bill is now before the Legislature. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President, it is very difficult for me to stand here now and ask for your support of LB 556 which is an increased benefit for the elderly, the war time veterans and our very low income senior citizens, but I feel obligated to do so and I will ask you to advance