

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol, did you wish to make a word first here?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, I would, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, so that you can be thinking about this for a few minutes.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: If I could have your attention it has to do with the changing of your lives for the next couple of days. With the progression of events yesterday, as they unfolded quickly, of course, we had to make some adjustments in our calendar. What I am saying to you is that we will be meeting tomorrow. I have been telling you, for the last couple of weeks, we would not meet tomorrow and we would not meet Monday. Well, I'll stay with half of my word and that is that we will not meet Monday. But we will meet tomorrow. The question is whether or not we will meet Saturday for the passing of the cigarette bill or the voting on the cigarette bill I should say because I have passed out a letter from Donna Karnes setting out how much less revenue we would take in if the bill is not passed by the tenth. That is still not a problem because I understand we are going to change that date so that we could actually vote on the cigarette bill next week, but if we should meet Saturday and vote on the cigarette bill for a short time, and tomorrow should be a short session also, we could get through by Thursday night, next week, which would give us Friday for overrides if you wish to override anything. I have not heard any clamoring from anybody that wants to override anything. I don't know if you will. I have not touched base with the Governor to see if he will give us the bills back shortly, because I know...well, I really believe he'll know what is in them by the time they get to him. But I will do that between now and the time that Senator Vard Johnson gets here so that we can decide whether or not we meet Saturday to do this. So we are kind of in limbo as to whether or not we'll meet Saturday, but we will be deciding that in the next hour or so. If any of you have a severe problem with that, let me know quickly. Senator DeCamp, you don't have a problem. That is not a problem with me. Well, anyway what I am saying to you is that we will meet tomorrow, nine o'clock. I don't think it will take very long. That is up to you. But we should easily be through in an hour or two, I would