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PRESIDENT: (in progress) not hold sessions on Friday, Senator Syas, did you make that motion? You didn't make the motion, just a suggestion. Senator Holmquist.

SENATOR HOLMQUIST: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I'm amazed that Senator Syas would even suggest that we do not meet on Friday. He's the one that's doing all the bitching, if I may say so about when people are gone, when they're absent, now he doesn't want to be here Friday.

SENATOR SYAS: Friday at all, am I not? I've been here every Friday, have I not? Only thing about this is that last Friday we barely could work with 25, now I'm not criticizing anybody for being absent on Friday, I'm just saying that sometimes it comes down to a practical situation whether you operate and waste a day in this way, we're on a sixty day session and it counts against us as a day. I'm not, if you don't want to work Fridays, I merely said, it's alright with me because that's the way it is. I'm not trying to tell you not to work Friday. I'll be here. You work Friday, I'll be here unless I be ill. I've been here every day since this legislature started buddy.

PRESIDENT: Senator Holmquist.

SENATOR HOLMQUIST: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I think we should review what we got done last Friday before we make any decisions because I thought we made a lot of progress on bills.

PRESIDENT: Senator Snyder, I believe I have you on the roll on the machine here. Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, having a district which lies between the districts of Senator Syas and Senator Holmquist, maybe I could act as somewhat of a mediator here.

PRESIDENT: You may try, Senator.

SENATOR SNYDER: I do feel kind of in the middle. I would agree with Senator Syas. I last year opposed this type of a situation and I don't know if we've even got a motion before us, but I'll be glad to make the motion, I'm not up for re election. I'll make the motion that we take a vote here this morning not to hold official sessions on Friday. Last Friday we did get a little bit of work done, but I think each Friday, I certainly realize the problems of many of the out-state senators who do have a long ways to travel. You've got business commitments that you've got to take care of. You've got personal problems to take care of and I think that in especially a sixty day session, even more so than the ninety day session, this year it seems to me that we've had an extreme large number of greatly involved issues that need to have more deliberation for determination. And I don't think that ... I'm certainly willing to stand up and tell my people, or anyone else in the state, that there's a heck of a lot of work down here and I can see it's getting towards the end of the session and using these Fridays should just literally move bills across for the sake of moving them and I don't think it's a good way to legislate. So let's try to meet the problem head on and I'll make the motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to not work on Fridays. Do I hear a second? Senator Kokes.