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PRESIDENT: Will the Legislature please come to order. We will have prayer by the Chaplain.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer.

PRESIDENT: Roll Call.

CLERK: Senator Epke asked to be excused at noon Mr. President. Senator Savage asked to be excused at 2:30.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections to their absences? Hearing none, so ordered. Have you all indicated your presence? Clerk will record.

CLERK: Forum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Are there corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Are there corrections from the floor? If not the Journal will stand as correct.

CLERK: Senator Duis and Senator Clark asked to be excused at noon.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections to their absences? Hearing none, so ordered. Do we have any notices of committee hearings or reports?

CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT: No bills on Final Reading? Do we have any Resolutions? Senator Carpenter for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I presume a point of order Mr. President. I have just talked to the Speaker and he has no objections to me making this suggestion. I make it only because I presume that there is a definite thought here that we ought to stop considering bills on General File at some day specific. I presume on the most part because of the mechanics involved. It seems to me to give every member a chance to have his bill considered, which I think is important, I would like to move Mr. President, that we start with General File the bills that are bracketed or unbracketed and take them as they come. If the Senator is not ready to handle them they automatically go to the bottom of General File. By that method every Senator will have his day in court on every bill because I think by the time we are going to eliminate bills on General File we ought to have gone through all the bills on General File. That I think would stop, which I am one of the ones who do more than anyone else, the request to put certain bills ahead of other bills which leaves bills that would normally come up in a rather unfortunate position. Now I have nothing in mind except to give every member the right to have his bill heard and certainly by now every man knows as much about his bill as he probably will. On the other hand you may not have amendments ready on General File, but I thought from experience if the amendment has any particular merit you are just as well off on Select File as you are on General File. The only thing is to try and expedite the business so every member will have his bill probably come up so that he can be considered in the order in which it is now on general file. Now the "A" bills, I see no harm in moving them ahead and putting