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PRESIDENT: Will the Legislature please come to order?
We'll have prayer by the Chaplain.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer given.

PRESIDENT: Roll call. Please indicate your presence.
Clerk will record.

CLERK: Senator Anderson asked to be excused today.

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PRESIDENT: Disregard, we found we have enough for a
quorum. Senator Adnerson asked to be excusedd Are there
objections? Hearing none, so ordered. Are there corrections
for the Journal?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President (reads corrections)

PRESIDENT: Are there any corrections from the floor?
If not the Journal will stand as correct. Senator
Carpenter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARPENTER: A matter of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR CARPENTER: (Printed in Journal)

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers. For what
purpose did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I want to say that when certain comments
are made in the press about individuals in the body, if I
happen to agree with those comments, I'll state it, but
when the Governor indicates that this is a group of spineless
men; now I refer to the Legislature as spineless on occasion,
but see, when I call you spineless, I'm here where you can
see me, I don't wait until you are out of session and I'm
someplace where you can't get at me and then say you are
a bunch of spineless cowards, Then he turned around and
after saying everybody is a coward, that he, and I refer
to him at one time as Big Daddy Jim, and that offended some
people in this body, but doesn't he try to get the father
image with reference to this Legislature? He said with his
help he has taken some of the jello out of your spines and
replaced it with bone and now you stand up as men and you
don't fear Senator Carpenter. I'm not afraid of Senator
Carpenter. I can jump higher, I can jump further, I can
run faster, I can run longer, I think I can outwrestle
him, I think I can out fight him, now why should I be
afraid of him? So maybe the rest of you are afraid, if
you are not afraid, then you shouldn't let the Governor
I don't think, get away with the kind of remarks he made.
It is one thing for it to be in house, because we can all
have the opportunity to take our shots at each other
and to respond to them, but as reporters and everybody else
has said, the Governor has an access to the news media,
which we do not have. We laugh at ourselves, people laugh
at us sometimes justifiably, but the Governor is never put
in a position to be laughed at. He is always the hero and
he always wins, because he always gets the last word. But I
want to tell you all something. The Governor did, I think,
Senator Carpenter wrong, by the way he did him on Hiram Scott,