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

CHAPLAIN: Prayer given.

PRESIDENT: Roll Call. Please indicate your presence.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Waldron asked to be excused today.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections. Hearing none. So ordered. Once again have you all indicated your presence? Clerk will record.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Are there corrections for the Journal. Is it really without errors, or is it that we just didn't check. Senator Marsh for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARSH: To ask if the Journal was printed for yesterday, since I do not have it, or is that why it is without error.

PRESIDENT: Stand by. A good question. All right, Senator Carpenter for what purpose do you rise? Incidentally, congratulations. Happy Birthday.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Thank you, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I would like to suggest as only a suggestion that we pass over Final Reading because we can read this on Final Reading anytime, and go directly to Select File and from there to General File. And I'd like to also suggest between now and the time we adjourn that you consider whether or not you want to adjourn until Monday. And the same thing next week because we have to be here the third week for one day anyway. Now everybody is irritable, they are tired, and for obvious reasons. You are not going to save any time by not doing it, and I have no objections to what you do. I only bring it to your attention. I'm sure a lot of members have some interest of the bills on General File, and this may be the last time you can get to them, and now for your consideration. Do I have to a..suspend the rules, or just by a motion. I ask unanimous consent to skip the reading of bills on Final Reading, for the reasons I've expressed, go to Select File and from there to General File.

PRESIDENT: And you want to be thinking when they adjourn and to adjourn until Monday or what... All right, Senator Fred Carstens was up first. Senator Fred Carstens..you don't want to talk on this issue. All right, Speaker Proud.

SPEAKER PROUD: I don't want to surprise Senator Carpenter, but I agree with him. Because the last day or two we or the last several days we will not be able to operate on General File, which will be physically impossible because of constitutional reasons to move those bills across. So that point, you can't do anything else is when we ought to be reading General File, or Final Reading.