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PRESIDENT: Will the legislature please come to order. We are ready for prayer by the Chaplain.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer.

PRESIDENT: Roll call. Clerk will record.

CLERK: Everyone present Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: Read DeCamp motion.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature of course yesterday we adopted the rules on a temporary basis and in order to proceed and do anything we have to adopt them on a permanent basis. I move the motion be adopted immediately.

PRESIDENT: Senator Skarda your light is on, did you want to be heard on the issue? Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Mahoney would yield to a question or two, I think that he passed out some rule changes and I want to find out where they stand in regards to what Senator DeCamp just done.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney, do you care to respond?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator I was busy with the Clerk on another manner is there...or would you refresh my memory, I didn't hear.

SENATOR BARNETT: Yes, you just passed out a letter, Senator DeCamp wants to adopt the rules. There was a letter passed out with some rule changes as far as Secretaries and so forth, is this included or will this be a separate motion or how do we...the reason I am asking is that I think that as a Senator here in Lincoln, I would like to have one of those altered and have a choice as to whether I want to see constituents or not, and I am wondering if this is...or should be covered now before we adopt these rules or how do...how should we go about handling it?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Fine, I think that it is proper that you bring this point up now, because we are at the beginning of the session. The older Senators who have been here for some years have asked that each year as we start a new session that we have some kind of a tightening up of the activity that takes place on the floor. The old Executive Board starting some four or five months ago, each month that we had our meeting it was discussed and we probably spend a great deal of time at each meeting listening to various facts as to how we might tighten this up ourselves. The letter that I put out yesterday prior to my own election in this particular post was to give you all a lot of thought material. These are the sins that we commit. These are the things that if we are really going to tighten up, here is a way to solve the problem of a lot of noise and distraction, and I'm going to have you or answer your question in just a moment Senator Barnett. One of the greatest problems that we have is the Sergeant-at-arms is constantly on the move with notes. I probably have more notes than any member in this body. By the time I go