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CLERK: Read title. LB 141.

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That is all, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any motions on the desk?

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Any pending motions? The desk is clear. Ready for the consideration of bills on General File. The chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I would like to suggest that we suspend the rules and now consider the bills that are on General File which in my judgment would be in order if you want to suspend the rules in order to do it. I presume they are not controversial, but if they are why it will develop within itself. The reason I make this suggestion, basically, is that we have a lot of new members who I don't presume have much of an idea how this body operates or functions. I think this might be a good experience for them to observe the mechanics in there in which the bills probably for the most part are just procedural. I think, also, it might be well if the clerk or the speaker or the presiding officer might have a general outline as to the procedure of this body so that the new members will be better informed than I think they are. Senator Proud, in the past, has always done that in meetings which he held for that purpose. I don't think he has done it this time but I think something ought to be done in order to have these people be familiar with what they are doing and why. I don't need to explain why we do it, but what we do.

SPEAKER: The chair tends to agree with you Senator Carpenter and there was an orientation, of course, on November the 6th. I have inquired of some senators as to how much in depth they went in detail regarding the activities of the Legislature. I tend to agree with you again that, for instance, there, a call to the house, these other types of things, once they are experienced everyone understands it but up until that time there could be quite a bit of confusion.

SENATOR CARPENTER: May I further suggest that to Senator Proud who is the Speaker that if you so desire that he make arrangements as he has done in the past in order to bring about a meeting of the new members so they can better understand the procedure and be advised as to what they can do and probably can't do. Does Senator Proud have any objection to that?

SPEAKER: The chair would like to recognize Senator Proud. Do you care to respond?

SENATOR PROUD: Senator Carpenter, I didn't hear all this but I think I got the gist of it. Actually, although I didn't conduct any orientation this time, I was present and by arrangement with the League of Women Voters we did have a full day's meeting where the Clerk explained the rules, Dr. Rogers gave a talk, Emory Burnett, etc., so they have had a days orientation. That doesn't mean that they might not want more and certainly I will check with some of the members. This was the first time the League of Women Voters has done this and I feel they did an excellent job but then that was just one day and certainly we could probably carry further but I will visit with some of the new members to see if they would be commendable to something like that if that was your question.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Let me say one further word and then I will