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to meet as usual on Monday the 19th. If you vote for that, you vote green.. You vote aye. Have you all expressed your opinion. The clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 14 nays, 9 not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: The chair would rule that the motion carries and that is enough of a vote to bind the body to meet on February the 19th. Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Just an announcement. There has been a little confusion over the little thing I passed out to each Senator and that's an editorial from the Douglas County Gazette. Thank you. It's not my editorial.

SPEAKER: Thank you, Senator Syas. We are all relieved. Do we have any motions to reconsider on the desk? Any motions on the desk? OK.

CLERK: Mr. President, we do have notice of Committee Hearings by the Urban Affairs.

SPEAKER: Read the notice.

CLERK: Read. That's all, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Any other pending motions or unfinished business?

CLERK: None.

SPEAKER: We move to the consideration of bills on General File. LB 35. Senator Keyes' bill. Has the title been read? Is Senator Keyes in the chamber?

CLERK: Read title. LB 35. There are committee amendments by Senator Maresh, chairman of the Labor Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the committee amendment, what it amounts to is excluding the local subdivision from this act. There was some opposition at the hearing in this regard and the committee saw fit to amend this bill to exclude local subdivision and school districts. I move that the committee amendments be approved.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the committee amendments? The chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Why would you exempt these, for example, and not the rest of them? What makes the local subdivision and school district so sacred?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Carpenter, I believe they was the ones that came in and opposed the bill and the committee just saw fit to amend the bill to exclude these people.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Do you mean the committee is not exercising its own judgement? Just taking the recommendation of others.

SENATOR MARESH: Well, they..the sponsor of the bill was not opposed to this. I don't see why we wouldn't amend it to suit the sponsor of the bill?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I move we do not adopt the amendments. This is an old habit. We get a subdivision of Government come in. They want to exempt themselves from the application of this bill but they have no objection to putting everybody else under it. Now, it seems to me the local subdivision of Government and school boards are two of the greatest employers of public employees in this state and merely because they object is not sufficient reason to exempt them, in my