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SENATOR SYAS: I'm asking you.

PRESIDENT: I wouldn't think that you could leave here and cancel the public hearings that have already been set. But I suppose that the Legislature can suspend the rules and do most anything.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I'm only wanting a ruling on it. I thought if we adjourn Thursday we're all right on it. If Wednesday, then it's a problem. Now if we can do it, I don't care about hearing Senator Carpenter's two bills necessarily only they are set; I understand it's too late to cancel a hearing which leaves me in rather a dilemma.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, the chair would be willing to speculate with you and I'm purely speculating that it was the chair's understanding this morning when the Carpenter amendment was introduced that we also had some responsibility regarding or that there would be some emphasis of discussion towards the bill which are on General File and that those bills would be moved over and onto Select File or eventually E & R for engrossing. Now if the chair is wrong in that motion, why all right then that's where we are but I remember at least that much discussion. That leads me to speculate that we will still be in Thursday. I think Senator Carpenter means that if this body so desires that it would then be, could be out of here by Wednesday. Now I think I need to call on Senator Carpenter for some clarification of his intent because there were some loose ends which might have been left around that I don't think I'm clear myself on and that might not have been covered in the motion this morning. Senator Carpenter, do you care to...

SENATOR CARPENTER: The chair is correct in his position, I didn't say we'd pass this bill on Wednesday or try to. I said you could if you wanted to. It's strictly a matter of mechanics. I certainly have no objection to staying here until Thursday and so far as the hearings are concerned, I think probably we should and I think we're now talking about things that are relatively material and which this body has the full control on what it does. I only said that we could expedite these three bills on Final Reading and have them there by laying them over tomorrow, take and vote them on Wednesday. I did not advocate it or anything else. I just said that's possible. Now whether you want to do it or not that's up to this body. Insofar as the committee hearings are concerned, if they are set on Thursday as I know they are, let's have the hearings on Thursday. The two bills I have I'd wager there won't be a single person there except me. That'll happen, I'll give you a hearing. Now may I proceed, Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT: I'm sorry, Senator Carpenter, what?

SENATOR CARPENTER: May I proceed a minute?

PRESIDENT: Yes, please do.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now I have a great deal of admiration for Senator Chambers and his viewpoint and he says that I've led you--that isn't so, he's led you. That's Carpenter, he's led you, he put you in this position. He said the lobbyists run and control this body absolutely. He meant every word he said and he believes that and he believes you don't have the courage or the belly to hold your position. Maybe you don't but I've got to see it.

PRESIDENT: All right, the next to speak is Senator Schmidt, then Keyes. We're still debating 259 which is on Select File and the motion of course is to advance to bill to E & R for