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purpose, Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: A brief statement. I think we sh--better--tomorrow's the last day to advan--advance bills from general file. Let's get to it now.

SPEAKER: I agree. We have some others who have asked the floor and I'll find out for what purpose. Senator Kennedy did you ask for the floor? Passes. Senator DeCamp, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEKAMP: Very briefly, Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. Just like to point out that it appears the favorite sport that this legislative body itself has developed in recent days is calling our own selves names, whether we attack other Senators, whether we call ourselves irresponsible, we're always worried about our public image and it seems we have become the, become the champion in trying to destroy that public image. The impression has been given by several here that our action with respect to the budget in the last four weeks was merely a battle between us and the Governor. I personally, and I suspect many others did, followed the policy of fiscal restraint for the reason that I believed we were getting too many people riding on the wagon and not enough people pulling the wagon and we were heading overboard in that direction this year and I think that if we start looking at why a whole bunch of us followed that policy, it'll show that it wasn't anything to do with the Governor particularly and I think we should castigating ourselves and calling ourselves names all the time because we're only degrading ourselves.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes, do you wish the floor and for what purpose?

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. President, I wish to make just one statement which will take just about a minute. When we voted on the budget bills of the Governor's and this Legislature's and passed them over, did not shirk our responsibility as Senator Chambers so likes to get up and talk on, but we did do one thing. We set the A bills up there and we will be allowed to vote on each one individually and we will be able to make our decisions on that and not have to have what we call log rolling, where four or five or six or eight or ten appropriations are put on a bill and then you support the whole thing whether you like it or not. I think this Legislature has probably asserted itself and taken one of the most positive stands that I've seen it take in the four sessions that I've been here. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have some committee reports. (enrollment & review reports read).

SPEAKER: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I am about to sign and do sign the following bills: LB 299, LB 311, LB 484.

CLERK: Mr. President (Enrollment & Review report read)

SPEAKER: Senator Duis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I think we too need to hurry