

get 25 votes, in my own mind, I could be wrong. Let's put it on his desk, let's put him as to whether he's responsible or irresponsible and I think we ought to assume our own responsibility and not be concerned or worried about what the Governor of the State of Nebraska does strictly for political purposes, no other reason. This matter of veto, veto, veto, is only an attempt on every public relations to convince them he's doing something what he isn't doing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud, then Senator Goodrich

SENATOR PROUD: Well, Mr. President, the remark was just made that we don't have to follow the Budget Committee recommendation and that is precisely correct, of course, but what did we do on the operating budget? Just what did the speaker who just finished do on the operating budget? Followed the Budget Committee's recommendation right down the line. At that time I and some others protested but to no avail. Now the pitch is that we not follow the Budget Committee recommendation. Well, this is a theory that apparently you can change as it meets the political atmosphere. This thing has degenerated from the very beginning into a political fight between the Governor and some other parties here in the Legislature. Now Senator Carpenter very frankly and candidly admits as I recall his statement that he was the beginning and for some time the ramrod for the Governor. Now he's still a ramrod but he's ramming another direction. Well, this is all good and well but it seems to me that there are some other very serious considerations involved here. Now Senator Carpenter has said we should assume our own responsibility. We should not pay any attention to the Governor and basically I agree, I think we should pay some attention to the Governor's recommendation but it is this Legislature's responsibility to pass laws and the budget bill is the law, it is not the Governor's responsibility. He has the responsibility of vetoing if he wants to. It is the Legislature that is given the responsibility under the Constitution of passing laws. Now, the situation we're down to now is time. We have almost minutes left. This is the last day on which a bill can go off of General File. Now there could be exceptions, I understand that. If you want to work the staff long enough and hard enough, we can probably pass a bill or two off General File on the next legislative day. But for all practical purposes, today is the last day. We're down to something like 3½ hours so we haven't got time in my judgment to do anything real intelligent at this point so we have to do the best thing we can do. We don't have to pass any capital construction bill at all and in six months we can come back and do the best we can. I don't believe this is advisable. I think that we should continue with the capital construction plan that we now have with the capital construction we have and that we should probably add some things and it may well be that there needs to be some items added to the Governor's budget. I believe there are but I submit to you that there's not time to do it now. We're simply out of time, that's all there is to it. And so what I recommend because of this lack of time is that we pass the Governor's budget, unless the Appropriations Committee within a couple of hours or so here can come up with some solid recommendations in addition to the Governor's budget or some subtractions therefrom, whatever they recommend. But we're at the point in time here now where I feel we have to take the appropriation committee's recommendation. Therefore, I feel subject to some possible amendment that we should rescind every amendment that was made yesterday to the Governor's budget and pass it intact subject to the comments of the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. At this time I would like to ask the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel, will you yield to a question? You can answer from there if you want to, Senator Marvel.