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PRESIDENT: Will the Legislature please come to order. We will have prayer by Reverend Everett Hezmall of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer.

PRESIDENT: Roll Call.

CLERK: Called the roll.

PRESIDENT: Have you all indicated your presence?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator R. Lewised asked to be excused from 10:00 to 11:00. Senator DeCamp asked to be excused until he arrives, Senator Richendifer asked to be excused for the balance of the morning.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections to the absences?

CLERK: Speaker Proud asked to be excused tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: Any objections? Hearing none, so ordered. Once again, have you all indicated your presence? Clerk will record.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Are there corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: None Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Excellent, Chair recognizes Speaker Proud.

SPEAKER PROUD: Mr. President, there is an item of business I think that has to be taken care of. We have practically reached the deadline for new bills which will be tomorrow. I talked at length with the chief bill drafter and he advises me that it is somewhat doubtful that we can handle all of the bills that have now been introduced this session. Since tomorrow is the last day, I move that the bill drafters accept no further bills after noon today. Now, if we should get into some kind of a bind tomorrow morning, if there is an emergency if the bill drafting apparatus breaks down or something like that, we can always amend the rules. Suspend the rules, but to have any order at all of this thing, we are going to have to cut off the request of the bill drafter as of noon today. I so move.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the motion? Senator Murphy did you want to be heard on the issue? Any further discussion of the motion? Question is shall the motion be adopted, all those opposed vote no. Motion is that the bill drafter accept no bills after noon today. Chair will rule that it would take 25 votes in order to bind the body in this particular motion. Chair recognizes Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, a question of the Chair. Regarding this do not the real rules state that you have 10 legislative days in which to introduce bills? I understand what Senator Proud is trying to do, and I concur that I have no personal problem with this, my bills are ready. I was just