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PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Carpenter for his Amendment to LB438 on Select File.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, this has to do with certificates in the area of the trucking business who have been issued a long time ago which have never been implemented into activity and this provides for a review of these certificates periodically. I have talked to those people who are more concerned than I am in the field of trucking. I have been advised that they had no particular disagreement with the Amendment except they might want to refine it more than it is. Now, if and when they bring the Amendment if they do and the Body wants to bring the bill back to Select File to modify whatever they wish this Body to be considered. With that understanding, I ask for the adoption of the Amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the Amendment to LB438 on Select File? Any further discussion of the Amendment? Question then is...Senator Waldron, did you wish to be heard on the Amendment? That Senator Carpenter has offered? Senator Waldron. Stand by. Senator Syas, your light is still on. Do you wish to speak on the Carpenter Amendment? Thank you. Senator Nore. Senator Nore, your light is still on. Thank you, sir. Senator Waldron, do you want to be heard now on the Carpenter Amendment? All right, is there any further discussion of the Carpenter Amendment to LB438 on Select File? Hearing none, then the question is - shall the Amendment be adopted? All those in favor will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. You are voting on the Carpenter Amendment to LB438 found on Page 138 of the Journal, LB438 is on Select File. Have you all voted? You're voting on the Carpenter Amendment. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, no nays, 22 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The Amendment is adopted.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Select File for E&R Engrossment.

PRESIDENT: The question now is shall the Amendment be advanced to E&R for Engrossing. All of those in favor of advancing the bill, please say aye. Those opposed, say no. So ordered, the bill's amended as advanced. Senator Marvel, did you wish to be recognized? For a specific subject back there? Chair recognizes Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I want to report the progress on the budget bills and give you as much up-to-date information as we have. You will recall that shortly after the session started, we put on your desk a document which gave the legislative staff recommendations on the smaller departments. After this was done, the Appropriations Committee divided into three sub-committees and we've been holding hearings on the budgets of all these small departments. This includes about 60 departments. We will conclude those hearings tomorrow. In fact, we will conclude them this afternoon and then we will meet as an Appropriations Committee to affirm what was done in the sub-committees. By the end of the week, we should have ready for introduction the first budget bill. We hope to have several budget bills this time. This is the first one. And this will include the committee recommendations on these 60 departments. Now, I would like to talk for just a moment about the relationship between the committee and the Governor and his staff. The committee directed me as the chairman to send to the Governor a letter suggesting that if he had any recommendations as far as these 60 departments were concerned together with any other recommendations he might have in the area of budgeting, that we would urgently request that he submit these as part of the evidence before these hearings. This letter was hand delivered to him. I got a letter in return saying that he and his staff were working diligently to come up with recommendations, but as yet, we have received no recommendations from the Governor as to what he or his staff proposes to do with the 60 departments of state government whose recommendations will be included

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