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echelon and I couldn't hear him and I admit that probably my voice is loud and my ears are failing a little bit but there were conferences all over this place, the senators should have been interested in listening to because it's a good part of government. He also talked this morning about the deadlines....

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for committee chairmen on bills and everybody, not everybody, but a lot of fellows here were in conferences. Conferences disrupting the proceedings. We can bring up this stuff all we want to but when there's a final analysis, we have too many conferences among ourselves on this floor. When we discontinue that, we will have silence so people that want to hear can hear. I'm just as guilty as the rest.

PRESIDENT: Before we proceed, the Chair would like to make one other observation. Without seeming presumptuous, I have asked the sound engineers to make some suggestions to me and I just received those yesterday and held a conference with those people. They did comment that our sound system in here and the microphone is one that has been added to over the years and that actually this sound system is not really geared for this Chamber. There is not the automatic leveling...voice leveling devices built into this system that it should. It's been here a number of years and I will submit that to the Executive Board for their consideration. It is not anticipated at least that I will be presiding beyond this year so it will not make some difference to me but I do want to comment that I have rather super hearing and it has been difficult even for me to hear you up in front. We've added a little special box up here so that when my microphone is not on, I can hear you because actually the sound that comes to you comes from the side. It doesn't come up to me and there are many times when even the presiding officer can't hear what you are saying out there without this special receiver over here for me. With that comment then, I would recognize Senator Carpenter once again.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, let me say to Senator Clark that the cost would be the same on either side. Now, if we had both sides glassed in and we'd have forced the rule that noone and I mean noone would be allowed where we sit, family or otherwise, when we're in session, we'd have some place for them to go where they could see and know what's going on because those members want to know what's going on. That's the reason we put the telephones back there. I've been out of the rooms at times when I got addressed, if I was here, maybe I wouldn't have been. That happens to everybody but I think that the installing of the glass on both sides and the strict enforcement of the rules that noone is on this floor except the senators, the press, the pages, that will correct it. Then you'll have silence. It may be difficult to adjust to in the beginning but over a period of time, it would be highly acceptable. I would hope when the time comes, we will be in a position to make up our minds what we want to do. And, while I'm talking, I want to make one other suggestion, and then I'll quit. Last night, against my better judgment, I listened to ETV for an hour and a half. And, when I got through, I was very much impressed. There are a lot of people that don't listen to ETV. I have asked offhand for a legal opinion, can this Body if it wants to pay the cost of playing that program in 3 parts, three 30-minutes segments, over every privately owned TV station in this state. Even in Omaha. I think that was the greatest exhibition, the greatest piece of information, in order to give the people of our State a primer education how this Body and this State operates. The individual is completely in the background but it's the only way people might be better informed and knowledgeable as to what we do. Not what we do, but how we do it. I also think we should express to Mr. Herman, who wrote the script, I didn't know it until I happened to see it when the end was about there, I think he did a marvelous job and he was