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SPEAKER: The Legislature will please come to order. We will be lead in prayer by our Chaplain Robert Palmer.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer given.

SPEAKER: Roll call. Have you all recorded your presence?

CLERK: Mr. President Senators Marvel, Burbach and Johnson asked to be excused today.

SPEAKER: So ordered. Have you all recorded your presence? The clerk will record.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Members of the body, I think the first order of business we should take up. The Clerk has called to my attention that February 12, is Lincoln's birthday, February 18, is Washington's birthday according to Federal law. Those are state holidays. And all employees in the capital building have a days vacation on both of those days except if the Legislature is in session the Governor keeps a skelton staff on hand. We should now decide because of committee hearings as to what we are going to do, and it may be that some committees are scheduled to meet that day, but they can be rescheduled. I believe Senator Burbach on one of those days has scheduled some hearings. So we should decide whether we are going to take both days off. I day off or neither of them. February 12th is on a Tuesday, February 8th is on a Monday, so I would assume that if you decide to take one of these days off you would prefer the Monday because of the weekend. Is there any discussion on this. Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. President, I move that we take off the 11th and 12th and also the 18th.

SPEAKER: Is there a second? There is a second. The motion by Senator Frank Lewis is that we take off the 11th and 12th that would be Monday and Tuesday in February. The 12th being Lincoln's birthday. Is there any discussion of that. Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. Speaker, I have a question. Are these both federal and state holidays.

SPEAKER: They are state holidays, are they not Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: The 12th is Lincoln's birthday, the 18th is Washington's birthday. The 11th is nothing.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Are the 12th and 18th both observed. They are not observed by the national government, the federal government.

SPEAKER: I believe they are Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: No, they are not. The post offices are closed on both days. I don't believe this is true.

CLERK: Well they are federal holidays, even though the post office may or may not be closed. They are federal holidays, I think the post office does deliver on the 12th.