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in File 13, which I am sure that it will be. I think that if we go, we should go in mass. I think that if we go, we should go with organization. I think if we go, we should go with a planned program of what we want to say, how we want to say it and who ought to say it for us. And I think if we go with that determination and with that organization, the President of the United States may listen to us much more than read one of our resolutions that we pass with such great numbers that they can't stack them in his office. So today I am certainly encouraged by some positive action instead of passing a resolution with two hours of debate. Let's take our time, let's go back and let's discuss it and get it over with, once and for all.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore, then Fred Carstens, Barnett, Keyes, and Cal Carsten.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and members, I think this is a real good thing to do. It brings the government close to the people, we bring the people close to the government. Now if this is a partisan body here today, we would be dead before we started. The whole party hacks would have it all cut and dried and it would be dead, that is why I am in favor of a non-partisan Legislature, and I hope to God we always have it.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Fred Carstens, then Barnett.

SENATOR FRED CARSTENS: I would like to suggest something novel that has not been done before. I get tired of seeing the same old

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SENATOR STAHMER: have to go there and I think that it would be good for the body themselves to have the opportunity and only by going in a group that they would have enough clout to demand that they have a hearing from the Midwest, Unicameral part, and that at this meeting that we are going to have at 1:00 this afternoon should well decide that and the senators should come and think over some of the things that I have mentioned as the intergovernmental committees, each of them as a member of a separate committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach. The Chair is looking for, again, support either for or against the motion which is that the Executive Board meet immediately to outline a program for the Washington trip, that is the issue before the body.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I had planned talking on the issue but we have a motion here now I will confine myself to the motion. I think that the way it sounds, most everyone is in concurrence with the first original motion, and I think possibly this body should not have an Executive Session of the Executive Committee at this time, I think that there is some work that needs to be done prior to that. I think the 1:00 motion would suffice, that is soon, only a couple of hours away, not more than three, but I think the reason for this is that we must have an open door when we get there. Someone suggested, I think Senator Keyes suggested that we do not invite our Congressional delegation and this is a decision that I think our Executive Board can make rather than just a statement at this time, but I believe that we must use our Congressional delegation to some extent or other, I think that probably Senator Curtis is as close to the President of the United States as anyone in the state of Nebraska. I think it would be who our Speaker to contact Senator Curtis now to set up a time certain