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media earlier in the day, he would have nothing to say about it until he had heard the truckers presentation. We had tried to end by 6:00, we had some nearly two hours of testimony and the Governor in my opinion showed very poor manners in seizing upon the occasion because there were a large amount of views people here for a good crowd of concerned trucking individuals. In my opinion the Governor was very remiss in seizing upon the occasion to pull from his pocket at the end of that hearing, some four pages of legal size paper with written comments and delivering a 15-20 minute flooration which really was nothing more than a political speech in a campaign year, he bearily looked at the legislators whom he was visiting, his remarks were directed almost entirely to those people in the audience and he was telling about he had talked about and had pushed for a 60 mile speed limit which we had talked about in here as members of the Legislature, but I would point to you going back to a newspaper article in the Lincoln paper of a week ago, in which the Public Works Committee took under consideration the issue of speed limits.

PRESIDENT: Senator Snyder, I want to call you to order because you are wandering away from the original motion which is that the Executive Board meet immediately to outline a program for the Washington trip, and I know that it is difficult to disassociate these things but can you try to confine yourself to your remarks?

SENATOR SNYDER: I will try. I will try to stay on one side of the road. At any rate, that is the type of thing that I fear might happen if we aren't very careful in outlining a program that we as the members of the Unicameral whomever we send back to Washington, if we do, if they were to use the opportunity as a means of attacking the President or the administration or any other particular facet of government. As I say, what we had here two nights ago was that type of a situation because the, no one in the Legislature had the Governor's support for a 55 mile per hour speed limit, yet he told them here two nights ago he had been pushing for a 60 mile speed limit. It is an election year, and emotions can run rather wild. I would only hope that we as individuals and collectively as the Nebraska Legislature would not use this rather unusual movement for an attempt to personally move ourselves politically, but that we would seize it as it was intended, an honest effort to remove kaos that has now began to spread more and more each day surrounding this trucker shutdown. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, are you passing? Alright, next to speak then is Senator Proud. Did you want to be recognized Senator Proud? I saw your light on. Alright thank you, then next to speak is Senator Hasebroock.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I think that if the Executive Board meets at the regular time at 1:00 will give them more time to proceed with an orderly procedure. I don't think that we can go down to Washington without making some steps, taking some steps to get some doors open, Senator Burbach has said. I don't think this is possible, but I have enough confidence in the Board that they will not do anything like this until we take an orderly and thoughtful consideration of this kind of a matter. I think that it is a good idea to let our thoughts be known, I think that we have got a problem here that not only effects the truckers but also the economic impact of the truckers strike on small businesses so this is much far reaching than probably just the truckers strike. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett?

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I would like to have unanimous consent to withdraw the motion as long as we sit here and talk about this, it will be 1:00 anyway, so I will withdraw the motion if they