

in Nebraska think about a few things and if there is anything wrong with that, then that is just too bad. I'll take all of the criticisms that is leveled at me. OK, now to forget about the oratory for a minute, Senator Curtis was courteous and he is trying to arrange the meeting. Congressman Thone wanted to call me back, and I will talk to him, when and if he does. Now, we had a little informal meeting of a couple of members on the Executive Board, the only ones that were around at the moment and we are in the process of drawing up an agenda. Now as you know, this morning the radio and TV reports that the trucker strike has been settled, for all practical purposes now, I understand that the Independent Truckers still have to ratify but the word that I get, the best word that I get and the...a...Dave Martin told me this too, is that apparently the strike is settled. Alright, in my telegram to Washington, I send a telegram last night to the President, I don't have the exact wording before me, but I told him that a...a...what the vote was and that 39 of us desired to have a meeting with him. That was before we knew that the strike was settled. When our motions were passed, nobody, the strike was not settled and this mornings papers have nothing about the settlement in, so it had to be last night sometime. Maybe, just maybe the motions that we passed did some good, I'm not so naive to think that that settled the matter, but maybe there was a little pressure there that helped out. I would certainly hope so. I can see where nothing has been lost. My suggestion at this point is that this... If I understand the mood of this body at all, I don't think that anybody here is going to suggest, maybe someone will, that we now enmass go to WASHINGTON, because the whole objective or the main objective was to see if we couldn't do something to settle the trucker strike. That was the main objective. That apparently has been accomplished so it appears that there is no reason for making a mass migration to Washington. However, I do suggest to the body that we leave the matter precisely as it is, nobody has been harmed, maybe some good has been done. We leave my telegram as it is, and see what response we get from Washington. Should the president decide that he will still see a delegation, what in the world is the matter with that? I don't think anything at all. If this body can get access to the office of the President of the United States and let him know what some of our problems are, I think that is wonderful. So that is your Speakers suggestion that we leave the matter right where it is and go about our business.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer. For what purpose do you rise Senator?

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. Speaker members of the body, I would like to congratulate Senator Proud for his idea and his undertaking and whether it actually contributed or not, is beside the point. The trucker strike is apparently ceased and I think that was our chief concern. As far as this idea of being ridiculous, I would defy anyone to tell us that or tell me how the bullets that were flying around were caused by this legislature or by the Governor of this state or anyone else back here in Nebraska. These are national problems, we didn't create them. We were merely trying to address ourselves to them. I think that Speaker Proud really deserves credit for what I think is the best idea that I have heard since I...for the four years I was down here.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Waldron.