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PRESIDENT: Did you have a question, Senator Richendifer. You haven't moved the previous question, and Senator Cavanaugh is to speak.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: I just have a question. How many Senators aren't here this afternoon.

CLERK: There are 4 excused, and apparently 9 not present. I think spelled out 8.

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud had his light on first here.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, Mr. President, I'm not going to live or die if we take up Final Reading now or not. But I can say this if you folks want to jump around and suspend the rules every whipstitch just go ahead and do it. But when you are doing it, don't blame me. Just don't blame me. We decided this question once this morning, and now we are going to try to decide it again. So if you suspend the rules on this, you just as well suspend them every minute as far as I'm concerned. There is no reason in the world that I can think of, and that anybody has given why we should suspend the rules and go to Final Reading. Nobody's given a reason. Now I would be a logical reason of some kind, if there are going to be more people here today than there are tomorrow. I can understand that. But I can't under... how do we save any time by suspending the rules and taking up tomorrow's Final Reading today. I'd like anybody to explain that to me. It takes so much time to read the bill. It takes so much time to vote on it. And it takes a hell of a lot of time to argue about it.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I would agree with what the Senator said. He's an old pro in the area in which he is now operating. My only point is this. You've got the budget bills up there on General File tomorrow morning. For the most part, outside of the Budget Committee, I don't believe any Senators ever looked at them. He may not be interested in looking at them. I'm not interested in looking at them until I know what you are going to do with these two bills, and I'm not in the position to speaking only of myself to discuss the budget bill, until I have a chance to digest it and see what fits in with the Budget Bills that are going to be up there tomorrow morning. And these are five important bills on General File, and then there are many other bills which are appropriation bills after thatn. Now insofar as I'm concerned I want to understand what's in the five appropriation bills. And I'm going to find out what's in them if it takes from now until the time we adjourn sine die. I'm only trying to expedite the thing so that we...at least I can understand the relationship to the school bill what's in the other bills. It's going to take some time to do it. And I'll take that time when the comes, irrespectfully whether we do it today or tomorrow. But to clear the air I ask unanimous consent again to withdraw the motion. And I will not be ready speaking for myself, to discuss the budget bills until I know, and have time to digest what the School Aid bills are going to do to the overall budget.

PRESIDENT: Any objections to withdrawing the motion. If not so ordered. We will go back to Proud's motion.

CLERK: To return LB1028 for a specific amendment (Signed) Senator Proud. Amendment is found on page 115 of the Legislative Journal.