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get an extra two days on General File.

PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I'll be very brief. I just wanted to remind the Body that any action taken by this Legislature which is prospective or which tends to bind us in the future can be undone immediately upon our next meeting if we get 25 votes. While the rules were being played with, I was opposed to all of that, and I'd said that the possibility could arise where the Body would vote to meet two days this week, two days next week, and stretch it out and out. I mentioned then and I'm doing this on purpose, you make me a very truthful prophet. You make it possible for me to predict with the precision of somebody who can see into tomorrow. But it's not a case of seeing into tomorrow, it's a case of understanding the habits of this Body. This happened last year, this year and it's going to happen next year. So I'm going to vote against its happening this year even though my vote may not be on the prevailing side.

PRESIDENT: All right, are you ready for the question? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Again back to the underlined bills, we set a course of action here a month ago. I think Senator Carpenter is giving us an opportunity now to make good on our promise to each other that we would hear these bills and have time to move them on across to Final Reading. But the key question is, that when we adopt the Carpenter procedure, will we actually give each other the courtesy of hearing and working on those underlined bills? The history to date says that we will not extend this courtesy to each other but I would hope that we prove history wrong.

PRESIDENT: I am about ready to take the vote. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I have another motion pending. And I hope believes me when I say I don't care what you do. I'm only trying to expedite the business in order to give those an opportunity who have an interest in some underlined bill. The motion up there would say that we would suspend the rules and we would move every bill from 851 down through 780. And after the Clerk reads the title only, not subject even to the committee amendments nor any amendments, and put them over on Select File. That way, over the weekend, Mr. Burnett probably can get these things into a shape where you can discuss them. That in my judgment is the only way by which you're ever going to determine and discuss any bill now on General File. Now that is another measurement which will be pending sometime before we adjourn today. And that'll get them all over. This is an unusual procedure. But this Body calls for unusual procedures. That way you have a fighting chance to take them in order as they come and I would think you ought to adopt that as well as the motion that is now pending on the Clerk's desk.

PRESIDENT: We have other lights on. I want the Clerk to read the motion so we all understand what we're doing.

CLERK: Okay, and it's...its simplest terms would be that we meet Tuesday and Wednesday of this week; Monday, Wednesday,