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Uncle Jim's office and make him do something with them today, we're putting pressure on him. We're putting pressure on ourselves. We know that he is allowed five days to make up his mind what he's going to do and then it takes over automatically. And that's the reason that we should allow him that time. It was given for that specific purpose. It's to allow him to deliberate on his decision. And by the same token allow us to deliberate on ours. I see nothing that can be gained by rushing along to save a few miles of driving or to save a few conveniences for ourselves. Let's just follow the rules as we all know them and not play around, support Marvel's motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull and then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Probably this motion affects me as much as it does anyone in this Body because I live the farthest from Lincoln. I wish that Senator Marvel would just hold this part of his motion in abeyance until we adjourn this evening. Now I wouldn't hesitate at all to come back next week if it's necessary. But I don't think that we can determine right at this moment whether it's going to be necessary or not. I wish he would give this some consideration and let's get on over and start reading these bills and then this evening when it comes time for adjournment, we can make a much wiser decision.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I'll be brief. But I'm going to speak every time somebody makes an issue that I think ought to be commented on. If you don't want discussion, don't put anything on the floor. Now the Governor has said he's not going to go for the cute trick as he calls it or political ploy of allowing the Legislature to pass bills which he wants to veto and cheat him out of his opportunity to put us on the spot and put our mouths where our votes are. Votes where our mouths are or something like that. Now, the Governor has said a lot of things in a lot of cases which I think are not quite representative of what the truth is. But in this situation if the bills go over there, make him do what he said he would do. Let him send them back over here. And if he doesn't send it back, that's too bad. We are not going to override his vetos and I think everybody in here knows it. There are certain issues that were put on the budget bill by way of amendment which received opposition. A lot of those amendments did not receive thirty votes. Now, if they didn't receive thirty votes when the heat was not on, you know good and well he is not going to cause some people to vote who are afraid to vote in the first place. I think it's in response to a very well written article by a newspaper reporter with the Lincoln Star that is causing the action now in terms of not throwing this prerogative away. But as much as I respect that reporter, he is not a member of the Legislature. He didn't put us in this situation. We put ourselves into it. I'm opposed to what you're trying to do and again I say I'll speak against it and I'll vote against it. Tomorrow is the day that we should adjourn. So the rules have been suspended all ready to read the budget bills. Let's read them and send them to him. And he'll send them back, he said he would. And I believe he will.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Marvel, do have any closing on the second half of the amendment? The question is, do you want to adopt the second half of the amendment. This also will include suspending the rules because it binds...well, all right. That's part of the whole motion so again, if you