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One of the problems that creates is those were noncontroversial bills, these may or may not be, that we're discussing at this time. I would be hopeful that we would not move the bills off of General File and then have them bog down on Select File. These are the reasons why I have not requested a limitation. Again, just as I withdrew my other idea of the 25 votes for excuses, I would be hopeful at this time that we do not impose a 10 minute rule. Some bills will not take 10 minutes, some will take more. I think we're full of frank discussion. If we will control ourselves we can operate without imposing that. However if, as we proceed, we see we cannot accomplish it I would be ready at that time to impose the 10 minute rule, Senator Duis.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I'll be very brief. Senator Burbach, I don't want you to take what I said as an attack on you personally. It was not designed to be so. Just to make clear a situation, I've been absent, I think, twice this year. Each time my son was in the hospital. When there were snows and ice on the highway and I'd even been advised on occasions by the Highway Patrol that it wouldn't be possible to travel from here to Omaha, I drove anyway, every day down here. A lot of times I'm not down here on the floor because I have other things that are important for me to do. I try to get down here for the votes that I think are important. On all of these budget bills I don't think I've commented twice. I'm not guilty of prolonging the discussions with protracted debate. I have not made a lot of joking amendments this session. I don't plead guilty for any of the delays. I have tried to offer, gently from time to time, recommendations that we move with dispatch. Here's what my recommendation is going to be now. What doesn't have to be said let it not be said.

PRESIDENT: 611.

CLERK: Read LB 611. On Select File. It is pending from last evening. There were some amendments adopted to the bill. There is now an amendment offered by Senator Carsten. "Add a new section 9. Renumber sections 9 and 10 as 10 and 11. Section 9, the Nebraska State Historical Society is hereby authorized to acquire real property known as the Porter Lands in Otto County, consisting of 223 acres, more or less, for a cost of not to exceed \$335,000. There is hereby appropriated \$335,000 from the State Building Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 to the Historical Society Agency 54. The Historical Society may enter into agreements with the Arbor Day Foundation for the operation and development of the property, but the Society shall be responsible for the general administration and continued maintenance for such property, and may accept gifts, grants and bequests for such purposes."