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SENATOR MARVEL: First of all, in answer to the first question, then I hope I may have a chance to respond.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Marvel, before you respond, are you going to forward to the Legislature these policy statements for the legislative attention? I do not believe we have ever done that yet. The Executive Board has not brought these matters....

SENATOR MARVEL: There have been some put in the minutes in the Journal. As you well know, we've been meeting far more often than we will in the future. It is going to take a little while to compile them, but they will be presented to the members of the Legislature as such. In fact, Senator Stoney I think put out to each member the policy as far as travel is concerned. That has already....

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Only as a matter of information I will allow you to answer the question. I think the members of this body are entitled to an answer in a procedural way as to what Senator Chambers was asking about. Would you care to just answer that in that way.

SENATOR MARVEL: If I understand you correctly you want me to answer his question directly. Is that right?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: That would be fine.

SENATOR MARVEL: The answer directly is that we passed a motion which indicated to any member who might be affected that hiring of relatives which were made prior to the time that a ruling or a policy had been put down, those hirings would remain in effect until July 1, 1977. I would assume that that policy pertained only to those who were involved. Senator Chambers, in answer to your question then, there would be no policy effective until July 1st. So whatever the situation was prior to that time would still be in effect. Is that your question?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Chambers. I do not want to allow us to get into debate on this because it is not a matter before the Legislature, just a matter of information.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm not going to debate. Senator Marvel, do I understand you to say then that the rule as adopted means that only a certain number are allowed to have relatives on the payroll this session and no more than that number, or does it mean that until July 1st any member has the prerogative of hiring a relative?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Alright, Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I think that you will find, Senator Chambers, that despite criticism which will come up for some time, that what this board is trying to do is to set policy that provides equality for everybody. That equality would be enforced in regard to this issue, as well as any other issue that I know of. So everybody is treated equally. So that equality would prevail now and then the rule would be changed as of July 1st.