

LB 286 placed on General File as amended. Signed Senator Rasmussen, Chairman. Mr. President, unanimous consent to bracket LB 273 until April 13. Signed Senator Frank Lewis. Mr. President, Senator Carsten asked to be excused this afternoon if we meet. That's all Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: On Senator Lewis' request for unanimous consent to bracket. Is there an objection? There is. It's so ordered. Do you have any announcement Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I've just checked the list of those who have been excused or have asked to be excused if we meet. As I indicated to you last week, we were going to meet and yet we have about nine people plus the nine on the Appropriations Committee that are not going to be here. That's about 18 and if you've got four or five people answering the phone, we're going to be very close to the 25 or 30 that it takes to do business at all. However, I feel that we're at the point where we just absolutely must attempt to try to get some bills off the consent calendar. If we continue to waste the time on Friday afternoon, then we ought to just own up to it that we shouldn't meet on Fridays at all. I've said this before; I'm going to say it again. If this continues, I think I'm just going to suggest it from here on out even if we go way into June that we don't meet on Fridays. If that's what you want, demonstrate it by your attendance on Friday afternoon. Now that's exactly the way I feel. I don't know, maybe...I wish you would indicate to me maybe we might send around a little poll to the members of the Legislature whether you want to not meet on Fridays with the understanding that this is going to push it into June. I just want you to know that. But we are going to go onto consent calendar then this afternoon and the first one has been stricken from the consent calendar, LB 21. Three persons have stricken it. If there are any others that you want stricken, let me know before we start. We're going to try to get some of the consent calendar taken care of this afternoon.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I move that we not meet on Friday unless we take a specific vote to meet.

PRESIDENT: That's the reverse of what Senator Luedtke was suggesting.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...aimed as an attempt to overrule the Speaker.

PRESIDENT: Alright. Then your motion again is that we shall not meet on Friday unless a vote of the full Legislature. Alright. Ready to vote? Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This is a continual problem. I think that we're not only wasting time but we're wasting legislative days. The people in the great state of Nebraska did not elect the Legislature to come down here and meet whenever they felt they could or for some of the people to meet or for any of those other exceptions. They elected us to come to the Legislature and work for 90 legislative days, not 90 legislative half days or not 90 days sometimes, some members or anything else. I think the people of Nebraska want us