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This means that we take an hour off at noon and this means that the lobby room is closed until the agenda is completed. It also means that we will attempt to, to the best of our ability, experiment with time limits which can be dangerous, can be controversial but somehow or other we at least have to make suggestions. The suggestions on time limits today and this has been taken up with the committee chairmen at the regular meeting we have every Wednesday, today under item #7, special order, you have four revenue bills. So the time limit would be one hour on each one of those bills and then down below you have gas tax bills and 361 and 722 are before us and each of those would have an hour. Now if anybody has any questions I will be perfectly happy to either field them now or field them later. I repeat once again, we cannot complete the agenda without your cooperation and your suggestions. I know of no way to do it except to say here is a green sheet. We have to go through this green sheet before we adjourn today. That is all, Mr. President. I appreciate the opportunity to at least present the ideas.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will now proceed then with the debate on the Hefner amendment to LB 1002. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Hefner mentioned that you might could save some funds because you wouldn't have to deal with incarnation of people. I was wondering if he meant incineration? This is an amendment that deals with a situation that has been bouncing around the Legislature for some time this session. It was attempted to be done through a bill that I personally found to be totally unsatisfactory in the way it was drafted, the type of language that it used and the improbability of the money that would be appropriated under that bill winding up where we intended it to wind up. Despite the fact that I have been told that everyone considers Knox the tightwad of the counties, the issue that is being considered, nevertheless, is valid. Whether these counties do have enough money to provide law enforcement is a side issue for me today. I have received calls from the Indian Commission, from native Americans and even had visits from some white people who live out in those areas who say that they're friends of native Americans who have all been unanimous on one score. That is that law enforcement is needed on the reservation and when the current method of funding runs out there will be no law enforcement. The counties are not going to provide law enforcement. I have been told that some sheriff's departments are understaffed, that there is no way that they could provide these services. I am going to surprise Senator Hefner who thinks I am anti law enforcement,