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SPEAKER MARVEL: We are in the process of adjourning. If there is anybody who has any legislation, will you please come forward? Senator Newell, do you have any legislation you want to bring forward? Senator Landis, your light is on.

SENATOR LANDIS: I would ask for a point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: State your point to the Chair.

SENATOR LANDIS: While we are waiting for this final bill introduction for just a moment, I guess I would like to make a brief statement on a matter that came up on our second day of the Legislature. We passed a Martin Luther King resolution and there was some concern that a Martin Luther King Day would provoke a lot of public expenditures for observations and I had a chance to check with a lot of cities around the state including Wahoo, Sidney, Valentine, Chadron, North Platte, Falls City, Wayne, Fremont, Blair, Grand Island, Lincoln and Omaha and I would like to report that there were in none of those cities public expenditures of money. But I did ask if some other public holidays provoked cost expenditures and I found that Shriners Parades, St. Patrick's Day and New Years caused a lot of expenses for parades and the like and I would like to suggest the study of the idea of replacing those holidays next year with four Martin Luther King Days and that way we could save a lot of extra public money, particularly if we can avoid the St. Patrick celebrations which will bring Senator Fitzgerald back to the floor to work on some of the legislation that he introduces; and also if we do away with the Shriners Parades, I know there may be a net effect on the silly hat industry, but also if we do away with them, we will save Shriner Convention costs and that is quite considerable; and also if we do away with New Years, we will be permanently stuck in 1981 and the virtue of that is that in time hopefully the Legislature will catch up to the date and the year that we stand in and we are going to be caught up with where we are politically as well as chronologically; and at some later date I will offer an interim study resolution on that modest proposal of cost saving public expenditures. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fitzgerald, your light is on. We are about to adjourn.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. President, members, I stand here in amazement here at the statements he made. I said if it weren't for St. Patrick's Day, the Irish fighting down at Duffy's Tavern and so on, what would these poor little attorneys do here in court? I mean I am making a livelihood