

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR WAGNER: I kind of wondered if we can lay this bill over until Tuesday, if you would please?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Until when?

SENATOR WAGNER: Until Tuesday. That is when we meet back again.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I'm sorry but you can make a motion to do it but the Chair is getting in a position where if we keep holding up legislation all you have to do is take a look at the agenda and what we are doing now.

SENATOR WAGNER: All right, Mr. Speaker, for your benefit I will just withdraw that and we will go ahead with the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: May I repeat, I think it is necessary we go back in history a little ways to bring you up to date as to what we are trying to do with the committee amendment. In 1957 the Legislature passed a bill that divided the Department of Roads and Irrigation. At that time there was a Department of Roads and Irrigation. At that time language was put into the statute that went on to say that the Director of the Department of Water Resources should be an engineer. We went on like that until 1969 I believe when a bill was passed that changed the word "should" to "shall", that the Director of Water Resources shall be a professional engineer and it has been that way ever since. However, at this point things have changed and it seems to be more important that the director should be a good administrator. It is fine and the committee amendment does not say he couldn't be an engineer, he could, but it doesn't say he shall. It does give the Governor that makes the appointment a little more latitude in making this very important appointment at this time. It causes a deep interest. We have thirty bills that deal with water besides the administration of rules and regulations related to surface water administration. It is very, very difficult to hire a qualified engineer with a salary that we are able to pay plus hire someone that has the qualifications of being a good administrator. So maybe the time has come when we should consider this person ought to be a good administrator and that he can hire an engineer and the combinations of the two salaries can give us what we want. I would point out, however, that sometimes there may be a disadvantage for the director not to be an engineer, especially when he meets with peer people from other states who are engineers and decisions have to be made relative to the allo-