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little time to speak on the issue. Senator DeCamp knows very well what I am talking about and it is inappropriate for him to pretend indignation so I am going to finish the rest of my time which I know is brief. The complexity of this bill is not what it contains. That judgment with reference to how this money will be distributed or that it will be distributed has already been made. Now they are quibbling about nickels, dimes and pennies. The complexity is involved with how you're going to whip the Omaha Senators into going along with this bill and that is going to be done by saying, if you don't go with this, you are not going to get the sales tax and that is not complex. So what I am trying to find out, and apparently I won't get an answer from those who are involved, is whether or not those who go to this meeting are going to get their orders and come back and the bill can slide through. So even though the question won't be answered, I still ask it and Senator DeCamp can take umbrage or whatever he wants to but I have watched the way these three bills have been handled this session and I think the way they have been handled is what insults the process not the question that I asked which was justified by that type of handling.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler, do you wish to speak to the motion?

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, there was reference to a meeting and I just want to clarify the fact that I have not been invited to any meeting. I do not know of any meeting with Senator Carsten or any other people. I wouldn't know where the meeting is and I don't know what the agenda is and I appreciate getting a reference of a meeting. I always like to go to meetings but I would like to be notified sometimes maybe before it is made in reference on the floor. I think there is some way, some need to work out 33 votes on LB 284, particularly now that 284 is in the form that it is in. When I came back from a trip I thought that 284 had been worked out. Everybody said that there had been agreements on the floor, that an amendment was added on General File, but don't worry, it is going to be changed on Select File. Well, I guess that that agreement a lot of people seem to think was made, agreed to on floor debate, and I think maybe that agreement should be followed through on and I don't see the need for another meeting, if in fact everybody had the understanding that day when the bill advanced that somehow things had been worked out. Things are being worked out and then they are being unraveled. So I guess I question the need to wait. I certainly would be interested in what Senator Carsten, as Chairman of the Revenue Committee, provided. I think perhaps an early mistake