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It is clear that in the same way that I read about the hag being astride to take her ride and nothing was going to change that, no vetoes will be overridden because the marching orders have been given to everybody. So, since we are in a position where no legitimate business remains for the Legislature, since we have already seen the merger and blending of the Governor's office with the Legislature with the Governor coming out as the dominant force, there is nothing left except for the Governor to have complete victory which he has already won. There is not a bill left that has to be passed this session, not one. If we were to adjourn, I'm not saying there are none that are desirable, there are a lot of bills that we desire to have passed. I even have one. It is on radar but naturally that is gone and has been gone, left in the dust. But if you would think about it, with four legislative days left the amount of time that will be consumed, the electricity, the energy that will be lost, unfortunately hot air cannot be converted into a usable form of energy yet or we could kind of have a set off, but we would not have to amend any more bills, have them reprinted, brought back up, sent down for reprinting again. So, I think we ought to reconsider the very wise and appropriate motion made by Senator Vickers. Two voted in favor. I also did but it was necessary to forsake the position I believed in in order to be in the position I am now which is to further ingratiate myself with my colleagues in the Legislature. Why should we stay here? There is no need for it. Bitternesses will be engendered and deepened. Hostilities will increase. The Legislature will be further browbeaten by the Governor. The A.G. or actual Governor, Paul Douglas, will be continuing to make threats to the senators and one indirectly convey to me that if I try to do anything about our expenses, he the actual Governor, Paul Douglas, is going to cut off all the expenses to the Legislature during the interim. Now what kind of threatening is that? And if the Legislature knuckles under to those kind of things, we are not worthy of the name. So, why don't we salvage one shred, one shred of dignity by throwing in the towel at this point and not allow four more days to heap up additional contempt for and upon the Legislature. We know that everybody is afraid of the Governor or enough are afraid to do whatever he wants. He can run the state without us being here. He would be glad if we are not here. It makes his job easier. He wouldn't have to be calling people out to the hall, get on out here. I want to talk to you. Get on in there and do that. Then you've got to hang your head and run on in here and do it. Then you want to tell people that we are not a bought Legislature. We have been controlled all session. This is the one opportunity to break it. Let us do what no Legislature in my recollection has done. The conservatives who want to save money can do that. We will

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