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people of my district or the State of Nebraska are going to criticize us severely if we do not stay that 90th day a week from Friday. We were set up here to do a job. We spent... will have spent 89 days Thursday and as has been stated, if we had done our job properly and not, in what I term, plain terms, horsed around, many of those days that we have been here this problem would not now exist and these bills would have been over there for the Governor to examine and make his decision on. We did this before and I don't think the state or the world has come to an end if bills are vetoed after we adjourn. And as far as I am concerned I will not be back here on the 5th. I have got work to do at home that has been put off because of my responsibilities here. That has been my choice and I abide by it but I am going home Friday and I am going to stay there and take care of my business that comes next when this session is done. I would certainly hope that you weigh this thoroughly. We will have done our job and the executive branch will then do his and be that as it may. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I am number one person who would like to get out of here Friday and stay away. I live the furthest or among the furthest. I would like to go home and forget it but last year the Governor promised us he would have all of the bills back in time that we could veto them before we left. He has not promised it this year. So it becomes our duty to do what we really should do and that is act as the legislative body here. Part of our duty, not our prerogative, but our duty is to remain here to handle vetoes. I do not think there is anything there that I can not live without but I think by abdicating our duty to not return for vetoes that we may wish to override is wrong. Secondly, I think that as long as we give the Governor carte blanche to do as he darn well pleases with the remainder of the bills, knowing full well that we do not care or that we are not coming back to override a veto gives him legislative powers that he should not have. I trust the Governor as much as any of you but I do not think we should abdicate our duty and I really hate to come back, go back for a week and spend three days coming and one day here and another day going back. I really think it is our duty to do this and I support the chairmen or the Speaker in his decision.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: I call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see