Welfare workers and I don't know if they are going to
get it done in time to do anything tomorrow or not,
but presently we do not have the contracts, so we have
to disapprove the ten that we have on the list. And if
there are any questions on the labor contracts, I would
try to answer them. This is done according to law,
Section 48-837, for the Legislature to approve the labor
contracts. This is an annual affair that we have to do
each year. The appropriation by the Legislature determines
the pay and that, so there is nothing that they can do
beyond what the Legislature appropriates.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, just a question of Senator
Maresh. What happens to the one contract that has not
been consummated? Is there no resolution or anything
done if that portion would be resolved later, or what?

SENATOR MARESH: That is a good question. I don't think
it will cause any problems, but it seems like they didn't
make a good effort to complete the contract, and so I
guess they are just without a contract.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any further discussion? Senator
Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Maresh, if for some reason that
last contract should be negotiated after we have, you
know, in a month from now, basically that agreement....
basically our function is fairly perfunctory in terms
of just authorizing or saying okay to the administration,
that would probably go into effect and be effective even
though it's not been ratified by the Legislature until
the next time we have an opportunity to do that.

SENATOR MARESH: I think so. I don't think it will
cause any problems. I think it's just automatic. It's
just a formality that we go through here in the Legis-
lature.

SENATOR NEWELL: And if there was a problem, the Exec
Board probably could deal with that since....now the
Exec Board does have the right to function for the
Legislature, if it was absolutely necessary. I'm just
asking....

SENATOR MARESH: I would say personally they could, but