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CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Do you have any items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Reference Report, referring LBs 988 through 1066, and LR 287CA. Hearing notice from Transportation Committee. And three new bills, Mr. President. (Read LB 1152-1154 by title for the first time.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 206-207.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We are in process of debating a motion to adopt the permanent rules. We are on an amendment to the committee amendment by Senator Chambers. For discussion on the amendment, Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'm going to take this opportunity, not to talk about Senator Chambers' amendment, but to give you just a little bit of my history, which is not that long in this body, about the Judiciary Committee, the way I've seen it. I've been on the Judiciary Committee since I came into the body; this will be my eighth year to serve on that committee, and I enjoy serving on that committee. That's where I have the most experience in my life, in working with them issues, and hopefully some expertise. I want to continue a little bit on what Senator Beutler said this morning on how the situations go with the time in that committee. In the seven years that I've been on that committee there's been at least two times, and I think three times where I was the only one in the committee, and that's because other senators were busy with hearings in other committees, or were...had to leave early for one reason or the other. And I'm not special in that case. On Wednesday nights I always leave at five o'clock, because I work on Wednesday nights. But I think it's a mockery of the system when we consider Unicameral being a one-house system and the other house being the public, or our constituency, and they come down here to testify on a bill, a bill, whether they're for it or against it, in a lot of cases bills that they wanted us to introduce them...introduce for them. And we have to run them through like it was some kind of