

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, only to briefly support the comments Senator Mahoney just now made. In answer to Senator Burbach, that in no way, at least on my part, did I wish to disregard your wishes while you were gone. Many of our committees, including the Public Works Committee, had a lot of work to do and we needed the afternoons that we would not have available to us should we have not come back the several days you suggested. We felt we needed to clean up our work. I may be mistaken, but I understood Senator Marvel to say this plan would work out just as well if we could be in session only in the morning all week, then take care of our committee work in the afternoons. This is why, Senator Burbach, that we overruled your wishes in this respect. In no way do we wish to disregard what you have already asked us to do.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Senator Marvel a couple of questions if that's OK.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: It's alright with me Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: The first one is not really related so much to the topic, it's just that you said Don Piper could read. I'd just like for you to reinstate that one time, cause that came as a shock to me. That's just a personal deal. Now the other question at hand is, first of all, when do you anticipate that you will be finished with the budget proceedings and have the budget bill on the floor?

SENATOR MARVEL: The budget bill is going to come out in sections. It's going to come out in sections because, first of all, if you wait till it all comes out, it takes longer. Secondly, and I think even more important is that it's fair to the Legislature if you get it in pieces. As you get it in pieces you also will know what the other decisions are. Mechanically it takes a while to get all this complicated material out. It's going to come out in portions. It will come out in portions the first part of April.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: So we can anticipate that probably all the budget information and bills will be out by mid-April?

SENATOR MARVEL: Close to mid-April, yes.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Then I just have one request. Could you put out those sections that I'm most interested in first and get those by?

SENATOR MARVEL: We'll do that along with . . . yes. I'm not going to say anymore.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, to the Speaker I would just like to say that the Judiciary Committee appreciated the change so that we could actually complete, Senator Burbach, our work. We have completed all the work on all the bills that were held in committee. This did allow us to be ready to go to work all day next week. I think we're way ahead of where we would have been had we not taken this course of action.