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worse time if we do not debate 703 now. You just think of yourself, just think personally. You do have a feel for what we are doing with 703 whether you agree with it or you don't. You put that out of your mind and fill it all full of figures in the budget bill for a week. Will you, at that time, be able to retain the feel you now have of your like or dislike for 703? I submit to you it's a definite no. To expedite the work in this body it's imperative that we take 703 now and move on with it. The budget, it will pass.

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, first there's an explanation of vote. (Read vote explanation by Senator Luedtke found on page 1125 of the Journal).

Mr. President, Senator Murphy asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 917 in the Legislative Journal.

Mr. President, I move we recess till 1:30. Signed, Senator Burbach.

PRESIDENT: I have many lights on here for the proposition before us. Right at 1:30 we'll commence in the order that I have you written down. Question is shall we be in recess until 1:30. All in favor say aye, contrary say nay. We are in recess till 1:30.

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PRESIDENT: The Legislature will please come to order. Record your presence.

CLERK: Quorum present.

PRESIDENT: We will commence where we left off this morning. Senator Koch's light was on. Senator Koch. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I'm sure it should not be necessary to belabor this point a long time. It appears to me that the motivation of some, of course, is to prevent the passage of some legislation on the basis of spending a lot of time. I would support Senator Schmit's motion to take up 703. If, in the event that after a day or so, we cannot advance the bill then I also have a motion which I will file in the morning to indefinitely postpone 809. I think we may as well decide that this Legislature, this session, does not want to address the total question of malpractice if that is the case. I assume we'll have to come back in special session sometime to resolve a problem in this entire area. I think we ought to attempt to see if we can resolve it first before we start on the appropriation bill. Obviously we can't take more than a day or so doing it.

With those comments I think the issue was discussed long enough. Mr. President, I would move to close debate with the understanding that Senator Schmit will allow the Speaker to also have a part of that closing time so that the choice can be well laid out for the members.