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in no way whatsoever does it thwart, interfere with, interrupt or abuse the Appropriations Committee. They will still have the same quantity of hearings. They will still make their same budget. It is just that we as the Legislature, we others other than the Appropriations Committee, we have a budget out here we can be looking at, we can be studying, we can be comparing. As it traditionally is, we don't get anything until fairly late in the session. We do have a short session. We have major expenditures and cutting bills and I think we should have this out here to be comparing with as we go along. I think it is just one different approach, an approach I hope you would try at least this year and if you like it, you might like to do this every year.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would rise to oppose the rule suspension. I could talk about the process and I assume others will, but the process is there for a reason. I want to just point out a couple, three things at this point at least as to why you would not perhaps want to do it. Number one, the \$803 million bill is not intact. The \$803 million depends on the other committees of this Legislature doing a number of things, passing some bills, repealing some acts, shifting some funds. If none of those things occur, for example, the budget is \$828 million, and then you have still got \$45 million of A bills, at least what we think of in terms of A bills that the Governor has suggested in his message on top of whichever those two figures that you will want to use. But the most important thing I want to say is that we have without exception held hearings on the Governor's budget bills per se, only the bills. Obviously, we go through agencies, agency by agency, but we always set a special day, a separate day, for hearings on the Governor's bill and there are a number of things contained in the Governor's appropriation bill, 803...or has the \$803 million, as well as in the construction money, it's language that also is of significance and should have a hearing, for example, the vets science school and the capital construction. I cannot recall that we have passed legislation for construction, that we did not put into the original...the first appropriation the total cost of the