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SENATOR KEYES: Mr. President, this doesn't have to do exactly with this but being the fact that state aid has been brought up as a part of the passage of this bill, I wonder if Senator Warner would yield to a question for me.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Warner, I served on the Education Committee for four years, the last four--the first four years of my term and I've seen Senator Harsh bring a bill out, two bills, put them on the floor of the Legislature and the timing of those bills was such that the override of the Governor's veto, and we will possibly have an override this time, was such that the last day was the day that we heard him. Last year, it was exactly the same thing. One or two hours before the end of the session was the time that we got to ride--override the Governor's veto. But Senator Warner, my thoughts on

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legislators and people who are in authority in government is that that is the compromise of men. When we know that the Governor and the Legislature have to compromise and have one bill that satisfies them, don't you think it would be much better to bring a bill out on the floor of the Legislature, start it across after your committee has reworked it, and then the Legislature works it over. We send it over to the Governor and let him either veto it or accept it and if he vetoes it he has to state his reasons. Then, we, in another bill if we had time, could bring this across and try to work his thinking into our thinking and if we can't do this, if we can't compromise, then we have proved to the people of this state that the Legislature and the Governor cannot compromise on a state aid bill. But if we send one across and use it the last day, then we have completely defeated our thinking. What is your comment on that?

SPEAKER: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Keyes, the--I am not exactly sure what you are asking but I can say this, all of the--I have announced that the February 26th and 27th would be the hearings on state aid. The reason for selecting those dates are that I had visited a number of times with some of the Governor's staff in trying to get an indication when his proposal would be before this body. I was told by Mr. Norm Otto that the last conversation that his blue ribbon committee, his advisory committee in this area were meeting tomorrow and that if they had about two to three weeks after that that they would probably have their legislation prepared, be ready for the introduction, had to allow seven days between that time of introduction and when the hearings could be held, of course. I did feel all the bills relative to state aid should be held at the same time or within the same two days so that people could address themselves to all of them. I would hope that if the committee feels that a change in the method of financing the schools is correct, that we could come out with one bill. I would hope that we could take parts from all of the alternatives that may be before us to develop the best possible bill in terms of ability to pass and ability to meet the financial problem. I, also, am of the opinion there has been some talk that other things should be held until state aid is decided and I agree that other things, expenditures, should be held but not only this session but until the problem is solved if it takes one year or two years or how long, because I think it is always a probability that eventually the courts are going to require the legislatures and governors across the country to face up to this problem and it is politically