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SENATOR MARVEL: For instance, yesterday, we spent from 1:30 until almost 6:00 on a hearing for the University of Nebraska system. Today, we finish up the public hearings of the major departments, DAS and the Welfare Department. Starting next week, we are going to hear the Capitol construction budget, so when you...we talk about the hearings being over around the 15th of March, I can assure you that the Budget bill will not stall the procedure as far as this Legislature is concerned.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Are you saying then, you will have it in here by the 15th of March?

SENATOR MARVEL: Or shortly thereafter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: OK. That answers my question. I don't... may I ask Senator Warner a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner, will you yield?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: When do you expect to, if you know and maybe you can't know, or project when you will have on to the floor the various or one school aid bill?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Carpenter, yes, you are correct, I suppose, in part. I couldn't really project, as you know the hearings were only completed yesterday. The computer work that was approved to analyze each bill as far as the affect will be available, I understand, next week from our staff which I think is important. My personal opinion, however, is that if we are going to solve this issue it would be much simpler if we had the Governor's bill introduced because it is entirely possible, I would assume, that there are some possibilities of agreement and if it is, that's what ought to be considered, and I don't think it is likely we can get 30 votes...

SENATOR CARPENTER: Let me clarify the gentlemen on this point of the Governor's budget, not the budget but on the bill. I have not talked to him on this basis, but I am going to and I am going to attempt to have him give me his bill as he wants it and attempt to amend his bill on any bill you put on the floor. If his bill is adopted why he ought to be sure he can live with it because it might be adopted, but I don't and I want this understood, I'm not quoting the Governor and I'm not picking his mind. I'm only saying if he'll give me his bill, I'll attempt to amend that bill to, as a replacement of any other bill you send in here, because it will serve the same purpose and I will be able to explain the bill. So, are we in understanding, that probably by the middle of March, your committee will have sent in a bill or bills.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Carpenter, I couldn't say that and number two, I will not agree, personally, if you get thirty votes to do it, fine, but I would not, personally, agree to circumvent a public hearing on the Governor's bill which is what you proposed. Now, I would be delighted, you know, to know who, if you would carry the bill, that's great, because I've been wondering if somebody...someone would or who it would be. It would help a little bit, maybe, to try and find out what his schedule is going to be for presenting legislation, if somebody in this body is going to accept the bill.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, I'm not...I want to make it plain. I'm not speaking for the Governor. I'm not his man, but if I was the Governor, I would not send an Educational bill to your committee and I'm going to (inaudible)..

SENATOR WARNER: I don't think, Senator Carpenter, the Governor does not send them to the Committee. The Reference Committee does that.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, now, you are begging for words.