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SENATOR WARNER: I would, obviously, abide by whatever decision you make, the five of the nine, I guess, is the way it operates.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I think we understand each other and the body and let me say, I am going to make a motion, also, and I think we ought to do it, to adopt the Governor's budget as he sends it in and not to amend it. If it is good, let him have the credit. If it's bad, let him live with it. If you don't do that then I can assure you we're going to discuss the bill, the budget bill, line for line. I understand that a great many people are particularly concerned about the expenditure of public money, and so am I. But I want to be concerned on everybody's bill and not just one member's bill.

SPEAKER: Did Senator Frank Lewis wish to have the floor, please. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, the discussion at hand is germane to a motion I have pending on the desk which the clerk tells me will have to be referred to the Rules Committee, but I'd like to speak to the fact that we certainly are doing this piecemeal. The motion I have on the desk is the fact that all "A" bills will be bracketed on Final Reading until the Budget Committee and the...

SPEAKER: Senator Lewis..Senator Lewis, there is a motion on the desk to take up the introduction of three bills, so could we...

SENATOR LEWIS: I'll reserve my comments until later.

SPEAKER: The chair wishes to request if there is any single Senator here who does not wish to take up any one of the three bills at a time.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Waldron asks to include two more bills in addition to the three previously listed on his motion.

SPEAKER: Senator Waldron, will you explain them?

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, I was getting the statements of intent run off, why I didn't have them with the original three, but these are two more. One of them is merely repeal something that was made obsolete by the Tort Claims Act that we passed in 1969. It's merely a Revisers bill and it is absolutely not controversial, whatsoever, and there is no reason to have a public hearing on it and we can take that up later. The other bill is the one that provides that the interest being accrued on the money in the Lincoln Field House fund on those taxes from the cigarette money, the interest on this money will be transferred annually to the General Fund and that was brought to me by the Executive Board and...

SPEAKER: Is there any Senator who wishes to object to having any one of these package of five bills introduced at once... at the same time. Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I'm not going to object at the moment, but here's.. this is... Mr. Chairman, this morning exactly what happened. We got into the Budget. We got into School Aid. Now, I think that since we've opened them up, now you are closing it before some of the rest of us get to get in on the talk. I think when you allow this to happen that some of the rest of us that have punched our buttons should be allowed to engage in it, also, and not shut it off. I am not going to object to introducing those bills, but I agree with Senator Carstens and I am going to make a motion, at least the way I feel right now, that we open up and let anybody introduce any bills they want to, for as long as they want to, because that's exactly what