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PRESIDENT: Will the Legislature please come to order. I ask you to register your presence please. Please indicate your presence. Have you all registered in? Clerk will record.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President. Mr. President, I have a communication from the Executive Office.

PRESIDENT: I'm sorry, I wasn't listening.

CLERK: I have a communication from the Executive Office.

PRESIDENT: Read the communication.

CLERK: Reads. Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. I move that we do not adjourn sine die with the passage of the various appropriation bills. Signed, Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I offer the motion to clarify the position that the Legislature took this morning. As I understood the Stull motion, it was that any bill which would not have any impact on the General Fund, irregardless of where it is on the board, could be considered this session and enacted into law and along with the Stahmer amendment which would also permit those which dealt only with cash funds or federal funds could also be considered. But in order that there will be no doubt that this Legislature intends to consider other legislation which is important and do so with due consideration, I think it would be appropriate that this motion be enacted so there will be no question in anybody's mind as to what the intent of this body may be.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Snyder, did you wish to be heard on the issue?

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to offer wholehearted support to the motion introduced here by Senator Warner. I think that the action taken place here in the last few hours has demonstrated our position regarding the fiscal posture of the State, what it will be for the next year. But I too believe that all the hours that have been spent in committee hearings, people coming down here to the Capitol to testify, attending meetings, etc. that it would be pure folly for the Legislature to adjourn and leave these matters unattended for another year. I think that pretty well summarizes it in a nutshell and I certainly do offer 100% support for the motion by Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach and then Senator Carpenter, then Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think this is a very fine suggestion and a good motion. Before this body at this time we have had many discussions yesterday and today in attempting to do something which I think we went a little too far with. As far as the budget bill is concerned, I hope it stays in the position that it's expedited and this body can take its proper vote on that issue at that time. If you will remember, I voted against Senator Carpenter's motion yesterday not because of the budget but because of the other unfinished work that was necessary for us to do. Visualize for a moment 284 bills facing us in a 60-day session. What other legislation could we do in that 60-day session? I think this motion will bring back the normal, the normalcy of this body. I think it is right and I think it's a little delayed. Maybe I should have offered one; maybe someone else should have; maybe Senator Warner should have offered it sooner but maybe we had frank