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discussion of a deliberative body. This is the purpose of a Legislature. So I believe that probably we have had full discussion of the issues at hand which has probably been right and proper, but I would like to second the motion that we do continue our work and I don't believe we necessarily need to be here 90 full days. I think possibly by the selection of certain legislation as was determined this morning that we can conclude our work here in 80, 82, 84, 85 days and maybe it does take the 90. But I believe we can get back to where we were before Monday morning.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, Mr. President, these people die awful hard. They're not willing to accept anything except to bring about a complete revision of what we started out to do. What they want to do is to spend more money. If we stay here after Thursday or Friday, that's what you're going to be confronted with. They are going to find ways and reasons then in order to further amend this thing in order to pass bills which have the effect of spending money. Now it seems to me we ought to make up our minds pretty soon what we want to do. If this body wants to spend money that beyond which is in the Governor's budget and that's all you're going to do on A-bills. You're not going to bind this body to anything on an A-bill and I presume that before the day's over that we'll have two or three amendments on the board in order to spend a lot of money on A-bills in order to break the budget and to break what we're trying to do. Now this thing is self-evident and obvious. I don't particularly care what you do but this morning I presumed we had settled it. But apparently we only settled it until we had our lunch settled this noon. When we voted this noon I presumed maybe wrong that you were going to go along and pass all these bills on Final Reading and on Thursday or Friday you were going to adjourn sine die. Now if you want to stay here, that's fine and if you want to discuss all these issues, I don't think 90 days is going to be long enough but if that's what you do, if the majority want to do that why more power to you but we ought to quit trying to chip this thing away and by a gradual application of continuous efforts undo what I thought we set this morning. Whatever we do now for heaven's sake, let's leave it alone. If you want to adopt the Warner motion, the majority here to do it, I presume it takes 25 votes, let's forget about it and let's stay here and let's spend all the money we want to. Now by my very nature I'm a spender; I'm a spender, I'm the greatest spender this body's ever seen and I don't make any apologies for it and I do it by direct method and not by indirect application of effort. If that's what you want is spending money, brother, I'm going to help you if you adopt Senator Warner's motion and I'll guarantee you we're going to be here the full 90 days if we're going to discuss all these things, maybe that's what we should do. Maybe we want to back out of this thing again today and give the Governor a hedge and a reason to say, well, they voted on it a dozen times and they finally got back to the point of beginning where they're going to spend this money. We all bring about the efforts of other people for example who want us to spend money but no one has any confidence in my judgment with those who have to pay the bills and I can tell you from what experience I've had which is small and which is minor, if there's one thing the people of this State are concerned about it's taxation--not only the state, the local, but the national and I think they are more conscious about this thing than you think they are. You never hear from them. The only time you hear from them when they get a tax bill. If you want to raise this sales tax and the income tax, more power to you and if you adopt the Warner's amendment, I'm going to help you raise it and I'll stand up and take my