

watched very carefully by all departments including us, we have the constitutional right to do this, we also have the--we're set up now so we have annual sessions, used to be we met every other year and you ought to have heard some of the departments scream about the fact that it would be two years before they really had an opportunity to have any input in the new budget. That's no longer true. I think sometimes we forget that we're in annual session and that six months from now or in special session if we have to convene, there are all sorts of things that we can do. Now, the second part of your request has to do--or your question as I recall, had to do with the information that came to us at approximately 10 minutes after 10:00 was a week ago--no two weeks ago, time has--time has moved rapidly on. Our Appropriations Committee--well, let me repeat, the Governor came in and said we have, we have more money than we counted. Now we introduced in the Appropriations Committee Legislative Bill 123. It was heard before the Revenue Committee. The Tax Commissioner in that bill simply said this; that when the Tax Commissioner furnishes information or revenue to the Governor, we'd like to have an extra copy made to send to us so we have the same information. The Tax Commissioner came in and in effect, said that they didn't have the staff to do this and the Committee killed the bill. Now I think portions of that bill can be resurrected yet this session so I'm saying to you, we did not have this information because it was not made available to us and I'd like to say one other thing and that is that, and we've argued about this on other bills including 452. This legislative branch deserves the raw data that's available. We don't necessarily deserve the original impact the Governor puts on that data but we have--we should have as well as any other branch of State Government, access to all the information and that, in my opinion, is why we're stressing the Department of Administrative Services changes especially in the area of computers so we do--we do not have the access that we thought we would have when we passed that bill originally and that's why we need a change in that piece of legislation despite discussion to the contrary.

SENATOR BARNETT: So you're saying then that as long--there was this information available evidently in DAS or the Tax Commissioner's office or somewhere--

SENATOR MARVEL: Tax Commissioner's office.

SENATOR BARNETT: --and the Appropriations Committee, who is responsible for setting all the budget for the State, did not know this?

SENATOR MARVEL: Did not have access to the information that he gave us on that Monday morning when he came in just prior to when he knew we were going to discuss 259. That's what I'm saying.

SENATOR BARNETT: Thank you.

SPEAKER: The Clerk has a message from the Governor to read. Senator Frank Lewis, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I object to that until we take the vote based on the precedent set by the Speaker.

SPEAKER: I recognize, Senator Lewis, that messages from the Governor in accordance with page 35 may be received at any stage of the proceedings and on page 5 of the rules it says no communications or letters shall be read by the Clerk of