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save one full day. Now, every day is precious here so if we can save one full day or more, I think we would be ahead. However, as I said, it won't bother me one way or another but in order to decide that issue, I'm going to move that we convene or we adjourn today that we reconvene Monday morning. That won't anyway upset the committee hearings.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I have not consulted the Speaker because I understood he would not be here this week. I have on my own consulted a number of people. I want to amend Senator Proud's motion that when we adjourn today, if we do, we adjourn to a week from Monday. Now, why do I suggest that? I've talked with the budget committee and the fiscal staff this morning. They have an insurmountable job to get the work done, they just can't possibly do it. Now, these are two of the most important bills that are going to confront this body, the expenditure of public money. Now, in the meantime, it means that the committees who have hearings set will follow through and have the hearings. It doesn't mean we're all going to leave here. Only those who are not on committees who don't have hearings. I would presume they would go. If we'll do that, when we come back, if that's your pleasure, a week from next Monday, then the committee hearings should all be completed. The budget committee, I am sure, and they can speak for themselves, the chairman is here and members of the committee, I prefer they speak rather than me speak for them. But I think that's what we ought to do. I think we ought to determine it this morning. I don't think we ought to take a lot of time. It's something we can make up our mind reasonably quick. And I only say this, Senator Proud, I understood he was not going to be here. Otherwise, I would have consulted with him. So I move the amendment to the speaker's proposal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, we have now Senator Carpenter's amendment which would adjourn us until a week from Monday.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, and members. I support Senator Carpenter and if his motion fails, then I'll fall back and support Senator Proud. I think in the budget committee alone we in no way can do a decent job on the bills with all the time we have to spend in this area. I would urge the members of the body it is certainly from our vantage point in budget to give us some time to do a good job on these bills that are so important.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I would like to inquire when we would sine die then if we're going to take all this time off. Some of us might have commitments for April and such as that, in order to get out of here, if we adjourn for these periods of time, just to let the budget committee complete their work, it might be such a thing that we'll still be here when the summer waxes quite warm. Does anybody have any idea? Can they tell us how long it will be or when we will get out if we take action such as this?

PRESIDENT: Speaker Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Somebody can help me in this. Two years ago we adjourned in April, did we not? You remember the date? Mr. Clerk, do you have that information? Two years ago when we had a 60-day session, do you know when we adjourned sine die? He's going to check that. Senator Dickinson says if we meet every day, we get out the 30th of March. So, if you add a week to that or a week and a half, that's what you come out with. I would guess around April 10 or somewhere in there.