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delay until the end of those two speakers, then I would like to be recognized again.

PRESIDENT: All right, the Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Warner's amendment. It seems to me that our Speaker has done what is desired by suggesting yesterday that public hearings not be set until the 21st of this month. So, in effect, he is saying the people of Nebraska shall have an opportunity to know about the bills which are being introduced today and tomorrow and Friday. We do have business at hand. I do support Senator Warner's amendment and I urge you to also support Senator Warner's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, would you close on your amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Only this, I think I wrote even instead of odd and the Clerk has been correct but with the way I presented it, it was what I intended. Those who would argue against this I think, as Senator Marsh has already pointed out, we are allowing the week, we can allow the week but it seems to be in the even numbered years there are a number of advantages of getting out earlier even by a week and the Legislature does have activities that it can be doing while the opportunity is provided for the printing and distribution of bills prior to hearing and I see no problem with the amendment. I would urge its adoption. One other question, if there is concern from someone that that week would not be provided, we could always put another rule in that does require that the hearings will be delayed, they will be second full week of the Legislature in even numbered years and that would take care of any possible concern but there is plenty of time to put in such an amendment at a later date.

PRESIDENT: Motion before the house then is the adoption of the Warner amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay, the Warner amendment to proposed rule change #5. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 14 nays on adoption of Senator Warner's motion.

PRESIDENT: The motion is carried. The Warner amendment is adopted and the...any more amendments on the desk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on this rule change, Mr. President.