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Senator Lamb, we have talked about this, we, I mean on the floor as well as you and I individually, and that is correct and I have said the motion has been interpreted or utilized both ways. However, the other day I believe it was Senator DeCamo asked me what I thought we would be doing this year and what I said then and what I thought probably was being interpreted at that moment for the body was that the A bills would not be read until the main line bills had come back and we would then read them. Now I think it is very appropriate as the Speaker has suggested to take up those bills which have amendments pending so that they can be adopted or rejected but if they are adopted, then the bills can be reprinted and still retain their order on Final Reading that they currently have. So I think it makes some sense from the Speaker's point of view to take up any Final Reading bill that has an amendment, either on the A bill or the bill itself and have that considered and then they will be back there and be in order, could be in the same order that they originally had.

SENATOR LAMB: If I could just express my concern, I would like to know more about how this is going to operate. If we are going to wait until the Governor either signs or vetoes the bills and then I assume then they come back to this body and this body will spend considerable time, I would guess, debating on whether to override or not and so my concern at this point is that if we follow this procedure all the way through, I don't see how we can set up a definite date as to when these A bills are going to be read. It is going to be well toward the very last day or so of the session as I see it. Is that not correct?

SENATOR WARNER: Again, depending on how the agenda is set up but I would assume if there are any vetoes on the main line bills that they would be back here by Wednesday and I would see no reason why those shouldn't be considered no later than Thursday morning, as far as I am personally concerned at least and then A bills could be read at any time after that, based on what fits for the Speaker's agenda.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. Speaker, I guess the position that I am at at this point, since the agenda came out Friday, with all these bills to be read and with the assumption as we discussed in your office that they would continue the next day or two beyond today, that we have alerted a number of people out in the state as to this procedure. So at this point it seems to me that we should go ahead and read the bills since that procedure has been followed at various times under this identical motion by Senator Warner in previous years and we are certainly disturbing the people out in the area who are expecting them to be read in the next day or two.