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LR 1

Mr. President, I have received notice of hearing from the Agriculture and Environment Committee regarding certain gubernatorial appointments scheduled for November 5th of this week.

Mr. President, I have a new resolution, LR 1, offered by Senator Wiitala. (Read. See page 53, Legislative Journal.) That will, Mr. President, pursuant to our rules be laid over.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, Mr. President, I wonder if I might ask a couple of questions in regard to our session if we don't have anything before the House. The first is, how long are we going to stay in session or how long must we stay in session so that we will have some idea as to the earliest we could get out of here? I realize you can't promise...

PRESIDENT: I see that Speaker Marvel is here. I could comment by way of observation having discussed this with the Attorney General. It is the Attorney General's view that we should be here seven days. There are some that would argue six but the Attorney General feels that and most of our special sessions have been seven days and I (interruption).

SENATOR NICHOL: Then that would say the earliest we could get out would be this Friday, is that correct?

PRESIDENT: Saturday.

SENATOR NICHOL: Saturday?

PRESIDENT: Saturday is the seventh day.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, Saturday if we meet seven days.

PRESIDENT: If we'd go straight through, it would be Saturday.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thank you for that. The other question is, ordinarily in the Governor's Budget he makes a proposal and we perhaps can add to it, and after that he can line item veto it. Now since this is in reverse, does he have the same prerogative of line item vetoing should we increase some of the decrease that he has asked for? Also, if the answer is yes, do we have a right to override his line item veto?