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probably do those, which would not take much time, I don't believe.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner, as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, would move for the introduction of Req. #1104.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this request is being handed out to you now, but so you understand this has one provision, which you may or may not want to handle this way but it is a separate appropriation bill dealing with 809, homestead exemption. It would be accurate to state that the regular appropriation bill could be amended to handle it, or depending on, I don't know how the time frame is going to be during this session, but if revenue bills are slow, you may need a vehicle to fund it in the event there is money to fund it with. The bill is offered in that light. So I would move the rules be suspended to allow for its introduction if it is needed.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, did you wish to speak on the suspension of the rules?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, I could probably talk, Mr. Speaker, to Senator Warner about this privately. But I would like to make certain I understand fully the dynamic on the \$18.3 million homestead funding bill. I will indicate to you, Senator Warner, that I had instructed my staff, this very week, to prepare an amendment to the appropriate appropriations bill to make certain that we would have the funding for the homestead bill carried at least by way of an amendment to an appropriations bill. I, obviously, had not thought of using a separate bill. Could you again explain the rationale for the use of the separate bill to fund the homestead program?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator, as I indicated, the only rationale I would have as a practical matter is in the event that revenue...I don't know...if revenue bills pass that are potential, that is a partial answer. If it ends up that there is a rate adjustment bill which may or may not be necessary, there is a vehicle to fund it if we need it. You