

amendment, and then readvance it today, we will not be able to read the bill tomorrow, the final day of our 90 day session. We then have two options. We can, by a vote of 40 people, four-fifths of the Legislature, extend the Legislature for one day or whatever it takes to get to Final Reading of the bill. It takes 40 votes, and it will extend for one day. The other option that is available, not to us, but via the Governor because we will not have had a budget bill passed is that the Governor may call us into special session. I understand that he does not need any advance notice. I thought there was a ten day notice but there is not. We are talking about the possibility of being called back into special session on Thursday. That is a possibility. However, once we are called back into special session, we do have to have an entire bill introduced and it will take 7 days for the special session. That is the minimum amount of time it takes for special session. So the two options you have is 40 votes to extend the Legislature by one day or not pass a budget bill. Obviously, we are going to have to have a budget of some kind sometime or the government shuts down comes July 1st, which I suppose that is an option, or you have a special session called by the Governor and that will be starting at his demand for a minimum of 7 days to pass the bill. Now being a member of the Appropriations Committee, obviously I am not in favor of this particular amendment but I am also concerned about the procedure involved and I would urge you to leave this bill on Final Reading and read it and be done with it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I oppose returning the bill. Reasonableness is, to a degree, determined by the constraints you work under. We work under a 90 day limitation. We work under a requirement to have so many votes for the budget bill. At eight o'clock yesterday morning, had all these groups agreed to take some compromise such as is being offered here now, it might well have been reasonable and I rather suspect it would have been successful, and rest assured, it was repeatedly suggested to them. At eight o'clock last night, the same proposal under the limitations we work under probably becomes unreasonable and unworkable. It would have to appear that the sole purpose, I repeat, the sole purpose if you were to go with this procedure of extending the session, the sole purpose is to spend more money by the very people that have been