

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, while everybody is here, I will move to advance the bill. As Senator Morehead has indicated, there could be and will be on Select File some consideration on the bill as to what we eventually want to do. But at this point all that is needed is to advance it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, on the...okay, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. Senator Cal Carsten, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise this morning to remind the body that tomorrow is the cut-off date that we have set for the introduction of interim study resolutions. You should be aware of that...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Cal Carsten, just a moment, please. (Gavel). Ladies and gentlemen, Senator Carsten is making an important announcement, especially for committee chairmen, so I urge you to listen for a moment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Just to remind the body that tomorrow is the cut-off date that we have established for the introduction of interim study resolutions. If I may, Mr. President, just very briefly, tell you about and you have been aware of it, by the report of the Executive Board in the Journal, that this year the committee interim study bills will be referred by the Executive Board to the respective committees and at that time when that is completed we would request and ask that those Standing Committees would look over the resolutions that have been referred to them and that they choose a subject matter from those suggestions and only deal with one subject matter in their interim study. The intent of this new policy is really two-fold. It sets, first of all, priorities for the interim work and to target the staff resources to a specific area rather than to an extremely broad area. In the past, as you know, we have tried to do...we have tried to do everything during the interim and for the most part have ended up doing not much. Moreover, with some of the priorities and directions, our staffs have often been at a loss on what projects to undertake first.