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ample time, as all of us would have ample time, to know, over a couple of days, what really are in those. Under the rules the Appropriations Committee is required to meet and make recommendations. Before Monday morning we would have a meeting with recommendations, which would include both the veto considerations. And, obviously, from those there would be a very clear indication what would be necessary, if anything, on the revenue side. But I think it would save an immense amount of time if we only deal with one revenue bill after vetoes are considered, which would be the first thing Monday morning. And that way a lot of this other legislation that is waiting can be considered and everybody is going to be dealing with a known deck of cards. And I think it would perhaps facilitate things a great deal. That is the suggestion that the Speaker is making and I concur.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I respect the thoughts and wishes of Senator Warner and yourself. However, I'd have to voice my personal opposition to changing the calendar at this time. This is a very personal issue, probably it is personal to a lot of us here. But knowing that the Legislature was to adjourn on April 15th, I, naturally, scheduled some things for April 16th, like court appearances, things that no longer can be rescheduled. It is hard enough to do reshuffling of court appearances and the like while we are in session. But if you can do it, knowing you are not going to be in session, then you get the job done. And I suspect that is true for a fair number of us. And I know of no human reason why it is beyond our ability or power to craft whatever responses we need to make to the veto over the weekend, get those responses done on Monday and Tuesday, and simply adjourn Tuesday night. I prefer to work tomorrow and adjourn on April 15th as planned.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, I think those of us that have been here for a number of years realize that the schedule is always very iffy right at the end of the session and necessarily so. Sometimes we have to save a day in order to have an opportunity to override vetoes. And a lot of these things depend on the agreement that is crafted with the Governor. Since there evidentially has not been any real agreement achieved with the Governor's office in regard to vetoes that would accommodate the Legislature, at this time I