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SENATOR WARNER: Part of the...the principal reason, Senator Hartnett, would be to provide ample opportunity to review what those vetoes are. As you know, line-item vetoes, as a sheer practical matter, it takes a few hours to be sure that everybody knows what is inside of those vetoes. And to have it compiled and passed out, the ramifications, there are a number of things this year that there may be ramifications from that we need to be aware of, such as the salary policy in 1250 and 1250A. There are things that need to be thought through, and it is to provide that additional time to do that. If we meet tomorrow, it will be utterly impossible, I think, to knowingly be able to make an analysis of what is done. If we meet tomorrow, and the vetoes come in late, there is no opportunity to adjust the bill constitutionally. You have to have three days left in the session to adjust any bill. We'll spend all morning talking on tax bills in order to get three or four alternatives out there, not knowing which of any that we might want. I think we'll save an immense amount of time. If we have the vetoes, we do the overrides, if any, and then address, on a single issue, a tax change, if that would be required. I'm sure you'll save a great deal of time.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Would it help, Senator Warner, would it help if we got the vetoes today? Would that...

SENATOR WARNER: No.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Carsten, then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I just have to rise and speak in opposition to the procedure that is being suggested. This body has spent hours and weeks arriving at a decision on the budget process and the amounts, and while there weren't 49 people in this body that agreed on every line-item, there were at least 25. And, collectively, there were enough to pass the budget bills and send them over to the Governor for his approval or disapproval. Now, if there was enough support to do that to begin with, I suggest to you the difference of opinion between the legislative and the administrative branch should not affect the attitude or the decision of this body. We made that decision once, whether it was right or wrong we made the decision. If we haven't got guts enough to stand up and continue to support what we supported originally, then we just as well close up shop and let the