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in front of you a notice that I sent out several days ago, but most of you would not have seen it until today. It has to do with today's agenda. In visiting with Senator Warner he has told me that they feel they will have a recommendation by the Appropriations Committee on veto overrides by one-thirty this afternoon. It was agreed, between Senator Warner and me, that we would do veto over-rides at one-thirty, and following that we would take up the amendments pending on some 33 bills, I believe. You should have, or will have in the next few minutes a list of the bills that do have motions on them. A very important thing for you to know is that if we discuss all of those amendments in detail we will not get to Final Reading by the end of Wednesday night. I am urging you, very much urging you to withdraw those amendments if they are not important to the bill. If they are important to the bill, I then urge you to not speak too long on those amendments. It is not necessary if you are in agreement with a bill or an amendment to get up and say a lot about that amendment. So I really urge you to keep your discussion today succinct and to the point. You have been very good about it the last few days, and I do appreciate it. It will be necessary today because today is the last day for amending. We cannot amend after today and have a bill pass this session, unless you go into extra days. And I have heard no clamoring for extending the session. So, please take heed of that. We will be doing Final Reading this morning on bills not having amendments on them, so that we can get some of those cleared away, thus making a longer period of time for this afternoon. I suggest that we do stay very late tonight because we will need to have the bills back from Enrollment and Review for acceptance at the end of the day, which should be very late. In talking to Joanne Pepperl, she tells me that if she has a lot of these motions or amendments back that you see on the list she will not be able to accommodate us to get all of those done. So I am urging you, very much urging you to when we get on these amendments to roll with them as fast as we can, not that I want to thwart debate or have you do something that you are not acquainted with, but I think for the most part we know these bills that have amendments on them, and we know the amendments that are pending. So have a good look. If one of your bills is on that list that has amendments pending, if you can talk the person out of running the amendment, so much the better. We could read them this morning if you can do that quickly. So some of those are on the list that we would be reading this morning.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.