

day of the Legislature, fifth, whatever day you want. That's right. All it would take would be that a majority to adjourn sine die, and you say, well, the budget isn't done or anything else. Precisely. And so the Governor the next day or the next hour calls the Legislature into session for the purpose of writing an appropriations bill that appropriates 185.7 million to this; 207 million here, that considers this bill, that does this, that passes this. You see what I am saying? Through definition, as purported in this call, you turn over the entire legislative authority effectively to a Governor. If you will read how restricted that is, it would purport to say you cannot consider any amount other than 8.5 million. You have no discretion whatsoever, except, I suppose, to sit here and not show up or to vote no. You're talking about separation of government, two different branches, and it would appear that one branch is merged with the other in terms of deciding they are going to limit this one, if you read this Opinion. The Attorney General's Office, I think with that Opinion, has effectively said, Governor, how limited do you want me to make it so that they can't do anything except what you tell them? And as I say, I think it's a dangerous precedent. I think it is very, very bad policy and from a separation of power standpoint, you better be careful. Powers are lost just in situations like this, by accepting through the previous precedent, with a previous action, something without rebuttal or without objection and I want to make it clear, I neither accept the call as being a valid call or being an appropriate call, nor the Attorney General's Opinion as being valid. I hearken back to previous Attorney General's Opinions and previous court opinions that are in this state and hearken back to all state legislative bodies with the powers they have inherent as legislative bodies and want to make that an important matter of record. Because if you don't, you set yourself up for precedents in the future that mean a Governor can literally eliminate the legislative branch of government.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I apparently left out Senator Marsh's name in my list for which I apologize and the list that I have now should be Marsh, Morehead, Haberman, Smith and Warner. If I have left anybody out that was on that, let me know. Did you wish to close on it, Senator Chambers? Do you wish to speak? Pardon me? All right. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the previous