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be completely frank, I'm not quite sure how many times and where we did announce it, but it was considerable.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Lynch.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, as we have this discussion here, I want to continue a dialogue with some people about what I think could probably happen here. And the one thing is, as I mentioned, the way this rule reads the appropriation recommendation would have to be to the floor by the 70th day, which in actuality, in the last couple years it hasn't been here quite that soon for a variety of reasons. But there will be plenty of time, the way we see it, at least in conferring with the Speaker, the possibility of the five legislative days after that recommendation has hit the floor, you know, as you remember, committee hearings are already done by then. We are probably, you know, we're in the latter to mid part of April by that time. And committee hearings will already be done, we are in full legislative days. In consultation with the Speaker, the possibility of that week in between there, of the Legislature possibly adjourning at three o'clock and have the Standing Committees, if they wish, once again, this whole process is optional, Standing Committees, if they wish, would then have the opportunity for, it could be agencies, or it could be members of the Appropriations Committee to come before them and explain what and why and how things are. And the reason I think that is important is that there is an ongoing frustration, at least in the four years I've been there, of people not understanding the process. And when you try and explain it in the big picture, it is very difficult, unless you've been following along, to totally grasp that. At least this way it would give us the opportunity to go into a particular committee of interest and explain what's going on. Let's say Health and Human Services do not like what the Appropriations Committee recommended. Now, the one thing they have to understand is that the Appropriations Committee has already been through and allocated, in the Appropriations Committee's mind, what dollar amount of money should be spent on that agency. Let's say, for whatever reason, a committee doesn't like those priorities. Well, I mean now they have the opportunity to get 25 votes and change it. If the appropriations process cannot withstand that competition, which I think is an equal competition, well, then we're going to have problems all year long, anyway. And so, I