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okay, with David Schuman as the teacher. The Clerk will read the bill titles now that have been introduced.

CLERK: Mr. President the new bills LB 506 Title Read.
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That's all Mr. President.

SPEAKER: The Chair will recognize Senator Syas. The bills are introduced.

SENATOR SYAS: All I want to say is that since we have opened up this discussion on the budget, and on school aid that I think other Senators should be allowed to engage in it instead of letting Senator Carpenter or some of the rest of them talk and then shutting it off. So all I'm going to say is this, I was asked by a radio station about the Governor's state aid bill. I said it was a phantom, and I think that is correct. If the press is correct, and of course they aren't always, if they are, the Governor has a couple of more meetings of his committee yet to, before he introduces the bill, so that bill I agree with Senator Warner, has to have a public hearing, and I don't think that Senator Warner should have the pressure put to him in any way about these bills in there because obviously, if, regardless of what bill we put out, I don't if the Governor is going to sign it. He might sign his own bill and just because he introduced it, it doesn't mean it's a good bill. I haven't seen it so, how can anyone say it's a good or bad bill. So therefore, I would say that this puts the Governor right at the moment, in the position of slowing down the session, because he hasn't got his bill in here and I dear knows when it will be ready.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I would like to make just one comment, in addition to what I've said about the budget schedule, if there is anybody in this room, in this legislature that thinks that this is going to be a calm session, as far as money is concerned take a deep breath. We have just completed hearings, no we haven't completed them, we are going to complete them this afternoon with the welfare department, and we have had discussions with mental retardation, now there is some people in this room interested in both areas, and I would suggest to you at the moment that we are about six million dollars short, as far as Federal funds are concerned, so if any of you have had any idea that your going to use revenue sharing for additional projects, forget about it, before we get through, with the withdrawal of Federal funds, as near as we can see it, at the moment, your going to use up most of the revenue sharing funds just to take care of the Federal funds that are being withdrawn, if you want to keep some programs going as they are now going. Now there is a meeting to be held the 23rd of March in Chicago, and I hope, under the auspices of the council of state government, I hope that, and I know that some of us will be involved, so we can come back with some additional information. But some of these bills on a federal level, including HR-1 that had to do with welfare are so fouled up that I'm not sure that we can extricate ourselves during the 90 day session, as far as the impact on the withdrawal of federal funds are concerned on state government budget. So I'm just warning you ahead of time, that if you think you are in for an easy budget session, from let's say the middle of March on, just take another deep breath because we have a long ways to go, we'll try to keep you as informed as we can from contact in Washington that we have and