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comparison as to the funds available. Now I don't know what this body's going to do on the budget. I'm going to make a motion when the budget is there, when it comes up to move the budget off of General File with no amendments including no amendments from the Governor either and to attempt to move it on final reading and let him have the budget he desires to have and let him live with it, take all the credit or take all the responsibility if it works or if it doesn't work. You may or may not want to do that. But I'm sure if we stay here and if we open this bill to amendments, we're going to spend considerable more money than is in the budget which will be before us then. But anyway, getting back, would you, would you have any objections to doing that?

SENATOR MARVEL: No sir. I think it would be part of the information we need before we can get started on this discussion.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now can you have that information so you'll not have to further delay the budget bill?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Question is...

SENATOR CARPENTER: I only make that as a suggestion.

PRESIDENT: Question is, are you, does anyone now object to placing 259 as the second order of business on Wednesday? Any objections? Hearing none, so ordered and it will be so bracketed. 259 as the second order of business Wednesday. That moves on to the General File consideration, I believe, of LB 55.

CLERK: Reads title. There are Committee Amendments by Senator Whitney's retirement committee. Reads.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the Retirement Committee felt that we should make the same retirement age here as we did for the judges and so this committee amendment has been put on. Now originally LB 55 would have required mandatory retirement of all State employees at the end of the month in which the employee attained the age of 65. It was felt that this was a rather drastic approach and would create some very serious problems. Now this would create especially serious problems in the field of medicine. There are doctors working for the State with specialized knowledge that could not be replaced. At present there is no age limit for retirement if a Department approves. This requirement, this committee amendment would change that to 72. So this is the first committee amendment and I move that this be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the committee amendments? Question is, shall the committee amendments be adopted? All those in favor please say aye, those opposed say no. Amendments are adopted.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, it was just the first committee amendment that I was talking on at that time. Now the second one is, if you will look at the bill, in line 16, the provisions pertaining to a mandatory retirement shall not apply to elected officials, employees of the Legislative Council, the Legislature, or employees of any agency required by the Constitution. It was felt by the committee that we