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get anybody he wants to to sign the bill--

SPEAKER: Well, this is absolutely correct, Senator, but the Governor sent the bills to me and I don't know for certain at this moment whether I have to introduce them under the law. If I do, I will introduce them. If not, then the Governor can have anybody he wants in the Legislature introduce them so I don't see any problem there at all.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In order, in order that the issue is perfectly clear, the only question you're asking the Attorney General is whether you as Speaker have to sign--

SPEAKER: Yes, whether I'm required to introduce them on his behalf. That is all. Mr. Assistant Clerk, can you get away now and go up and find that out? Anything further on the Clerk's desk?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, another message from the Governor. (read) Another letter under the same date. (read). That's all the messages, Mr. President. We still have pending Senator Mahoney's request to put LB 545 at the top of general file.

SPEAKER: Uh, Senator Sy--Senator Mahoney. Senator Syas, are you rising in regard to that?

SENATOR SYAS: No, but I was trying to rise and had my light on in regards to the budget bill situation. I wanted to ask, for the good of the welfare of the Senate, I wanted to ask Senator Marvel one question.

SPEAKER: Chair apoligi--apologizes. Senator Marvel.

SENATOR SYAS: Senator Marvel, these, Governor's bills that haven't been introduced yet, is it necessary that they be referred to your committee; if you have already discussed any of this material in your committee? You'd already have an opinion. Why I'm asking the question is we're now in the part of the Legislature where time is very important and anything--I hope we don't have to have a public hearing on something again that you've already gone over in some other matter with the total budget bill. Can we do it this way?

SENATOR MARVEL: Well, I have a suggestion. Part of it has been discussed, part of it hasn't. If you will agree, if and when these bills are introduced, that, if they'll be assigned to us and we can suspend the rules, we can take them up this afternoon at the regular public hearing we have.

SENATOR SYAS: Fine, I just--that's the thing I wanted to know because time is getting short.

SENATOR MARVEL: Well we're going to meet at 4:00 this afternoon to hear two other bills introduced by the Governor. If it's appropriate Vince, Mr. Clerk, Mr. Clerk. Is it appropriate if and when we settle this issue as to who is going to sign the Governor's bills, they're referred to the Appropriations Committee, could the rules be suspended and they be heard this afternoon with the other two bills that we hear?

CLERK: You could do this. The only disadvantage you have is that nobody has copies of it. Nobody knows what it is. We can't get them printed that fast.