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that you know the merits of the bill and I am prepared to put that bill on the line this morning and that's exactly what I want to do and I'd like for it to be voted either up or down and I would urge you to make your decision on the basis of the merits of the bill, on the basis of the priority, on the basis that by the figures submitted to us as they are, there's 6-- I believe \$6,000,000 under what the Governor recommended. Again let me say to you, this is not a personal bill with me. This is not a bill for the benefit of my district but a bill to implement what the people of this State have suggested that we do. These people are in a serious financial situation. This bill will not solve all of their problems but at least it will do something to help in that direction and I'd think it would be a reflection on the character of this Legislature. If you said yes, let's put it to the people because we can't do anything about this retroactive retirement thing, it has to be determined by the people to make it constitutional and you put that on the ballot and then when the people say yes by overwhelming numbers, two to one, then we come back and we say wait a minute, how do we know this is a priority. Well I'll tell you how we know it's a priority. First of all because we recognize the problem in this Legislature when we put it on the ballot and secondly, the people of this State recognize the problem when they voted two to one. saying, you guys down there let's do something about this, and I think now is the time to settle the issue, here is the time. We've debated back and forth whether or not to pass A bills and I think today's the day, now is the time. If this isn't a priority for you and if it hasn't been established for you, I don't know how to do it. You've said yes, the people have said yes, now that we've got all our philosophy and now we got all our blithering generalities in that we support this concept, this morning is the time to put money where our mouth is. Mr. Chairman, I'd move my motion.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Snyder, then Kelly, Murphy, Keyes, Duis, Cavanaugh. Senator Snyder, please.

SENATOR SNYDER: Well, we apparently have got the attention of the body this morning, Mr. President. Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I'm still in a bit of a quandry here. If we come down here after some two weeks of deliberation, maybe about four weeks now on this idea of what are we going to take on final reading and what aren't we, etc. and as far as 445 and 445A, I was on the committee, Senator Lewis that put that issue out to the floor and the Legislature adopted it and we put it on the ballot and it passed as you have just stated, but there is something more important than just the bill that you have introduced here or any other bill. We're talking about the posture of this Legislature. If Senator Marvel is available, I'd like to ask a question. I have sat here for this past month since the infamous debate of April the 18th, trying to figure out just what the posture was of this Legislature regarding budgetary matters this year. I've gone through some 125 pages of transcript around those three days of debate trying to again determine just what we did agree to. Now, Senator on April the 18th, Senator Marvel, are you available for one quick question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR SNYDER: Alright, I, I'll make the statement then you can react if you will please. At that time we again