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pledging an action, again, of the Legislature of one year for a two year period. We are pledging the action of a future legislature on a certain thing for the year to come. I am just thinking out loud. I am not sure of my ground right now and I don't want that misunderstood but I think before we enact this thing, we had better check because this might need a constitutional amendment because when I appeared on the Constitutional Revision Commission, this thing, this very item was brought up and it is on record in the book someplace and we discussed this and we were of the opinion at that particular time that, since we had annual sessions, we had to put our budget out annually. Now there are many states that do this very thing that Senator Warner is talking about and really I am not adverse to what he is trying to do. All I am saying is that some states have one session that they do take up budgetary matters and the other session they take up the other items that come before the Legislature and they do have the power to review budgets but I was wondering if we can do this statutory. Now hurriedly reading the bill, the way it is now, we are merely on this bill is an attempt to bring the statutes into conformity with the annual sessions. The way it is written now. Now he is, obviously, Senator Warner, in probably good faith, changing it to a bi-annual budget and I am just wondering out loud if we can do it. I'd like to see that checked. I have no objection to him putting his amendment on the bill today but I think before we ever pass something like this on Final Reading we had better find out if we can do it and so, therefore, I would say to Senator Warner, I hope he sees the Attorney General and gets an opinion if we can do this unless he has already got one pending, whether we can or not. Now I would like to ask Senator Marvel if he has anything on what I am talking about or Senator Warner is talking about to add to this situation.

SENATOR MARVEL: No. I think...let me put it this way, I am in favor of it because it has been my experience, of course, I never voted for the annual sessions anyway and as far as the budget process is concerned, to be real blunt about it, what it does is to allow the various departments and pressure groups to get at you twice instead of once. That means you have to battle, maybe that is our function, but you have to battle the money issues every year instead of every other year. Now if we really want to be serious about budgeting in annual sessions, we will do what we talked about in the Committee yesterday and that is, that we will go to what we call zero-base budgeting and every department starts over every year. They have no money when they come before the Legislature. They justify everything. Now if they really want to operate...if you want to operate on a regular annual session appropriations battle, then let's do it the right way. Let's cut everybody back to the beginning and make them build their budgets every year. Now if you don't want to do this in the future, then let's go to the biennial budget. I don't think you want to do it. I don't think the departments want to do it and, because they don't want to do it in the state and they don't want to do it nationally, what you do is this. When the session starts, you say to each department whatever you are doing we OK. We