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are from Senator Cope's district. They are with the Retired Teachers' Association. They are seated under the North balcony. Would they stand and be recognized, the Coles and the Webbs. Welcome to the Coles and the Webbs. Now the Chair recognizes Speaker Marvel.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we are fast approaching the time when we will start...we will end public hearings and we will start all day sessions. Most of the committees will be finished by the 9th of March. One of the procedures that we do need to talk about for a few moments is the procedure for the presentation of the budget which is not only important but it also is a procedure that does take some time. So with this in mind, I have asked Senator Warner to make a few comments for your information in regard to the budget procedure. You can keep these in mind as we approach the date when we begin all day sessions. The original date is of course the 16th but if all committees are finished before that time maybe we can get up here and start tackling some of these measures ahead of the 16th of March. Anyway with those introductory remarks, Senator Warner, would you just briefly make some comments about the budget presentation?

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Mr. President. Actually I had indicated to Senator Marvel, I thought it would be appropriate for me to clarify what the budget process will be which will be the same as it has been the last two years but I felt maybe it was particularly appropriate because I noticed in a story last night, a comment that was appeared to be quoting me in which, if that is what it was, it is untrue, inaccurate and incorrect and any other adjectives that are similar. The words that were there were the writers', not mine, and what the words were was that apparently saying that I had said that the Governor's budget would be thrown in the wastepaper basket and I felt perhaps I should reclarify the position if it was not clear. I guess the reason that bothers me is that it tends to give the implication that I am suggesting that the Legislature both discard the budget, the recommendations of the Governor as well as disregard them. That of course is not what I have said. What we will do this year is the same thing we did last year and the year before. The committee has voted to introduce separate bills of the general appropriation bills. There will be at least six. One of these will be the deficiency bill, one the cash fund to agencies, one for the constitutional officers, one general operations of state government, one for postsecondary education, one for capital