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the agenda be overruled and that we only take up for consideration any amendments that are pending on the bills for Final Reading so that issue could be resolved and then those bills could be put in proper form for final passage.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Speaker Marvel.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the item number four of the agenda indicates Final Reading, indicates the bills involved, indicates the...whether or not they have an A bill or not, these are all set up on the basis of date in which the bills are correctly engrossed. We have tried as hard as we can to set up this system so that there is no attempt on our part or on the part of the legislature itself to deviate from a schedule that is set up so that at any one time whether it is a bill on this particular sheet or whether it is a bill in some other area you can come to the office and without any difficulty trace the bills from their source until they are here today. I am here to defend the system. I'm here to indicate that if we are ahead of last year, that is fine. I think that ought to be something that this Legislature takes pride in. I am perfectly willing to sit down with Senator Warner or anybody else and field whatever complaints there are but I think if we stop this machinery in the middle you look up there, you have eleven days left if you stop the operation at the moment you just as well throw some of these bills down the drain. That is what it amounts to. Now as far as I am concerned I'm not here to indicate that we worked and worked and worked and so we are about to destroy what we have done. I'm simply saying that we have done this in an orderly manner. I'm here to say that at this particular moment if we stop this machinery all you have to do is look up there where it says eleven days and most of the goals that we have set also will go down the drain. I don't propose today to indicate that anybody in our office is perfect or I am perfect it is simply the fact that we have moved along. We have reported progress, we have attempted to perfect the system where we can and I guess I'm going to fight with everything I've got to see that the system does the job that it can do for you for the rest of this session. Once again in conclusion I'm perfectly willing to sit down with anybody in this legislature and try to come up with different formulas which will be of benefit not only to this legislature in its operation but to the public as a whole. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.