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SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the Warner motion and I guess I thought we had it resolved yesterday when we did start reading these bracketed bills. I really do believe that this is the prerogative of the Legislature to determine what bills, what A bills the Legislature wants to pass and we should not be overly concerned about the actions of the Governor. This body needs to make the decisions. Now when the governor's recommendations do come back in the form of vetoes, then we will react to that. But at this point it seems to me as Senator Marvel has indicated that the orderly method of proceeding is to read those bills at this point. Further more I would direct your attention to the motion which bracketed these bills in the first place on page 392 of the Legislative Journal. This is Senator Warner's motion which required that the A bills be held back until the Appropriations, the mainline appropriation bills were passed. As I read that it does not say that we have to wait until the mainline appropriation bills are enacted into law. It says that the..... Mr. Warner moved that any bill carrying an A bill for a general fund appropriation or any enabling legislation containing a general fund appropriation within the bill, be bracketed on Final Reading until the 1981-82 appropriation bills for the continued operation of state government and state aid have been considered and enacted by the Legislature. It does not say enacted into law, it says enacted by the Legislature, to me that means they have been passed on Final Reading and we have done that. I think we should go ahead with these bracketed bills as per the Speaker's order.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members, I also rise to oppose the motion. The way I understand it Senator Warner the vetoes ought to be back here tomorrow, is that right?

SENATOR WARNER: Well. . . pardon?

SENATOR CLARK: Tomorrow is the day they should be back, for the vetoes, right? All right. He had five calendar days excluding Sunday and certainly he is not going to sign those A bills until he finds out what we are going to do with the main budget bills. He has plenty of time, it will take him into next week to do it and there is no reason why we shouldn't read these bills today, stay with the agenda. I think that it is absolutely proper that we do it. We have to have some system, some regular system to get this through the Legislature. I think this is a system we should use, that we should not hold the bills up. Thank you.