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SPEAKER MARVEL: No.

SENATOR STONEY: Good. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I understand the difficulty that we face with the time parameters that are placed upon us but we have had eighty-six days now that we could have been giving better consideration to our time than we have been and personally I am unsympathetic with the position in which we find ourselves at the present time. I think we should attempt to, within the time frame that was established early on, complete as much work as we possibly can and conclude sine die this Friday, May 29. Many of us are employed in the private sector outside. Arrangements have been made with employers to return to work and unless someone is able to convince me and perhaps there are others that share my feelings that there is some reason that we do indeed leave the last day and reconvene Friday the 5th, I will not be here on Friday, June 5th.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely, then Senator Carsten and then Senator Nichol. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, I guess those of us who participate in the decision on this heard both sides of it but I think one point that has not been raised which I think most of you who were not participating in the decision ought to know is that I think most of us would have liked to have ended this Friday but the Governor had not made a commitment to return vetoes that he may want to make back to us on that last day if it was this Friday. He felt with the forty some bills that are still pending on Select and Final Reading that he needed more time to consider the issues involved. I think it is probably fairer to him and probably fairer to us to give him that time and to reconsider actions he may take on that final day on June 5 and I think that is probably the most important factor involved, that without waiting that time we cannot be assured that we do not adjourn this Friday and find bills that we have passed vetoed the following week without any chance for us to respond to it and whether or not we override those vetoes I do not think is important. But what is important is that we do have a constitutional responsibility and a check and balance with the legislative and executive branches to respond to any veto and so I guess the major concern was that we just did not have the time if we ended this Friday to deal with those potential vetoes and I think that is probably the fact you ought to know about at this point.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I certainly agree with Senator Stoney and I do not think the