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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I first was going to object to the ruling but I have become very convinced as I have heard the argument for preserving check and balance and so in view of that I was wondering if the Chair would be willing to entertain a motion to meet a 91st day so we can consider vetoes and preserve the check and balance for those bills passed on the 90th day as well. Or perhaps the Chair does not want to rule on that. It seems to me there is one other...I won't make the motion but I just would call your attention to the fallacy of your argument that it does not hold true on the 90th day unless you want to go for ninety-one. The other thing that occurs to me is there is a couple of other solutions. You know we could just not pass any bad bills. Then there would not be anything to veto. That would not be too difficult it would seem to me. On the other hand I am quite convinced that there are going to be some that passed and probably the good thing is that the Governor can veto those, at least in his opinion, the odds are the Legislature will sustain those vetoes and that maybe makes everybody happier then because both branches will be in concurrence that the bill should not have been passed in the first place in any event. So I really do not have anything to say, Mr. President, but it just seemed time to be philosophical and that is about all the farther I had better go.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You sound like Benjamin Franklin today. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, on my calendar I have written down three possible days for that 90th day. One, Friday the 29th, the second, Monday the 1st of June, third, Thursday the 4th of June. Those were dates that were considered and I don't think I have missed many chairpersons meetings. I agree with Senator Warner. If we really want to take care of this we probably ought to get 40 votes and stay here one more day. Then we will all be satisfied but having been one of the biggest losers in this legislative session, I am not going to lay down and die for very long. I will bleed a while but I will rise again. There have been some here who have made commitments to the Governor far beyond what any of us should ever make. I remember one day on a bright sunny day I had twenty-eight votes for 20 million dollars. I went around and picked up five more votes and when the last vote came there were seventeen solid citizens. I will never forget that because I believe when you put your vote on a bill going to the Governor most of those votes ought to stay and I want you to know very frankly this Legislature is not going