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PRESIDENT: The Chair would now like to recognize Speaker Marvel for presenting some matters to the body before we get on with the agenda. Speaker Marvel.

SPEAKER MARVEL: It is my duty once again to welcome you to the Unicameral and also to point out some items that must be taken care of. I would refer you, for instance, to the 92 bills on General File. If we don't take action in this area, we will be here until next Christmas. We must proceed and get the roadblocks out of the way. Now to further emphasize this in a moment there will be someone to pass out to you the memorandum that discusses legislative activity for the next few days. All I can do is to present the program, the plan and hopefully get the Chairmen to agree to attend a meeting tomorrow and to begin to get rid of this backlog. So let me for just a moment itemize what we are talking about and then you can refer it back to your own situation and there are about three different papers that will be passed on to you. It is my hope that we can complete all procedural matters this first day to include the adoption of our permanent rules and all amendments thereto. If we don't tackle this permanent rule situation, we will be in the same boat we were in a short time ago when it took a week to make a decision. We do not have that luxury today. I would then expect to proceed to General File debate for Thursday, January 7th, Friday, January 8th, Monday, January 11th, Tuesday, January 12th, Wednesday, January 13th and Thursday, January 14th. I would further anticipate meeting in full day sessions for those days. I would suggest that on Friday, January 15th, that we resort to our normal routine of conducting floor activity in the morning with the public hearings scheduled to commence on Friday, January 15th, in the afternoon. The 10th legislative day, of course, will fall on January 19th and pursuant to our rules all bills must be introduced by the end of business that day. From looking at the past years in the short session, public hearings as I mentioned before will commence on January 15th and hopefully conclude on or about March 1st. We will be in a better position to judge that after we see how many bills are introduced. I am having prepared and distributed for your review a revised calendar outlining days that the Legislature will not be in session. Hopefully this calendar will aid you in your planning for the upcoming months of this year's session. I would in addition appreciate the fact that the Chairmen would be willing to meet at 8:30 tomorrow morning in Room 2102 to discuss what I have just talked about and to discuss on the basis at that particular time that you will have this memorandum before you and will be ready to criticize, to suggest, do anything so that we can keep moving, and if we can't keep