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which we adopt setting some guidelines for the Appropriations Committee to follow. Then about by the 40th legislative day which would be I believe about March 9th of this year, the appropriations bills have to be on General File, have to be submitted and if they are not, then the Governor's appropriations bills which he submits early in the session will become our appropriations bills and will be considered at that time. Then we have ten legislative days or two weeks about to consider those appropriations bills that have been submitted and pass them by the 50 legislative days... 50th legislative day. That means we have 10 days left to deal with all the A bills and the tax revenue reduction bills, expenditure bills and deal with all those issues and we have at least 10 days to deal with them. I think it is a tight schedule but I also think it is a good schedule and it is one that will keep us moving along with the budget questions at hand. It has been agreed to by Senator Warner and I think he feels that the Appropriations Committee can meet this schedule. I think it would be in the best interests of the Legislature to adopt this amendment to the rule change and proceed with the rule change and see how it works this year.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? I guess, Senator Wesely, that can conclude your closing on the amendment. The question before the House then is the adoption of the compromise amendment which has just been summarized by Senator Wesely. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It is an amendment to Rule 16. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Wesely amendment. The motion carries. The Wesely amendment is adopted. We are now ready for the number 16 amendment, the proposed new Rule 16 as amended. Senator Wesely, anything further on the question of the whole rule? We are ready now for voting on the new Rule 16.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Well, if there are no further amendments, then I guess we can go right ahead. We have set up a timetable. We have got I think everybody pretty satisfied with the way it will operate. It will speed things along, bring us the attention of the budget problems that we have a little earlier and I think it will set up a better process all the way around, and so I certainly urge your support for this rule change.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question before the House then is the adoption of the proposed new Rule 16. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.