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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Carsten, do you wish to talk on that?

SENATOR CARSTEN: I think, Mr. President, I have said all that needs to be said relative to it. It is a very simple...plain, I did not circulate the motion that I have up there but it is just plain and simple to lay it over until the Revenue Committee has the opportunity to look at these bills and make their decision and report to the floor. I don't see any reason to send this resolution to a committee. Our Revenue Committee as well as the Legislature as a whole knows what the situation and the problems are. I see no need to send it to the committee. I think we can just hold it here. Our committee will act as soon as we possibly can and make a recommendation to the body for their consideration. That is the reason for the motion that I have placed up there, Mr. President. I would hope that you would support it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner, did you want to talk on the Carsten amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, first to answer...or ask a question of Senator Carsten, so I am reasonably sure. I think, Senator Carsten, are you...what is the time frame that you think the report would be made? We are not talking until revenue bills are passed but until you have made a report, your Revenue Committee has made a report of what you believe would be an appropriate mix of revenue?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes, correct.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, Mr. President, I have no problem with that because I recognized when I started out that revenue is the whole issue this year, not the budget, revenue determines the budget. There are two things I would just want to call your attention to. I would presume with the delay that the Appropriations Committee will proceed with the hearings and the things that we need to do based upon the resolution, the lower figure, so that we can expedite that and get identified by agencies and citizens that appear before us as to where they feel the budget is short or too long, whichever way it is. Secondly, I assume that the body will understand that some delay in the time frame that the rule requires of the Appropriations Committee could occur, hopefully not, but it could mean that we would be a day or two or three later than we had originally anticipated, and so I would want you to understand that that might occur although we

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