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PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, are you ready then to take up your matter on agenda item #4? Mr. Clerk, read the motion then. Senator Warner I believe is ready.

CLERK: (Read Warner motion as found on page 1089 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner and let's... the Legislature get settled back down to the business of the session. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the suspension that I am requesting here is a portion of the rule adopted this year which as written requires that the appropriation bills be reported by the fortieth day and if they are not that then they are automatically placed on General File as introduced without amendments. Obviously the bills were prepared, the amendments were prepared to have been turned in this morning with the level of the committee spending being at \$759.2 million with \$3.8 million available for A bills, but in view of the message this morning in order to be able to accomplish orderly consideration of adjustments back to a level that will be in line with the proposed receipts by the Governor, I would request an extension of time for the Appropriations Committee to consider the various alternatives and report as soon as possible back in next week with the properly drawn amendments and I would urge your acceptance of this motion because otherwise...well, if for no other reason for orderly consideration because there would be at least three or four sets of amendments that would have to be offered otherwise to go through the process and this way perhaps we can narrow down the areas of discussion when we do get to the appropriation bills to a relatively few items. I don't particularly want to get into an extended discussion of the whole issue but I do...would only say this, that it would be my intent and I would assume the majority of the committee intent to revise the proposed amendment back to the level that is consistent with the level of receipts indicated by the current revenue projections and as outlined by the Governor.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would rise in support of this motion to suspend the rules. When we adopted the rule change that we're discussing at this point that we didn't foresee the traumatic information we received today and clearly the Appropriations Committee should have some more time to revise their proposals and come back with their bills. So I would support this suspension of the rules.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.