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SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members, I, too, wish to support Senator Warner's proposal. The Governor told us this morning that if there is anyone or any committee that had some better ideas than those that were spoken to this morning by our Governor...I know there is a tendency to be discouraged about what we heard. Some of us are a bit older and also those of us who have read the history of Nebraska know that, I mean of our country, know that our country has gone through times like this before and I believe that every time that America has gone through these times of distress they come out stronger and I am sure we can do that again this time. I think it is wise that we do suspend the rules and we were hopeful of course that we could deal with the budget in the next day or two but I think it is wise just to take our time and to be reasonable and sensible and cooperate and I think Nebraska along with the other states of our great nation will find the answer to some of these distressing problems. Again, I feel so strong that America will be stronger just like we have been in times past. I support the desire of the chairman of the Appropriations Committee. This gives us a little more time and I think we ought to do it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in support also of Senator Warner's motion. We have now reached that point where decision making is critical and I think the facts have very well been very plainly laid out before us. There are recommendations that the Appropriations Committee has made that without question have to be reexamined. The Governor's budget as he presented it to us earlier has to also be reexamined and the decision that committee certainly is going to be time consuming but is absolutely necessary for us to be sensible, non-panicky and to present to this body and to the state that which we need to address. I certainly hope this body does approve that motion, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, might I have a little information from Senator Warner then? As I understand we would be suspending the rules relative to budget so they could basically go back to the drawing board and rework it. Is that essentially correct?

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, will you respond?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator DeCamp, that would not be quite exactly what I would intend to do. You will recall the Appropriations Committee began in November and December reviewing a whole series of programs that could be utilized to reduce the cost of state government. In fact we have spent a great many hours in antici-