

listened to Senator Warner and thought very deeply about the issues that were brought up by the comments that he made. Now, when a person is principled and is dealing with people who may not have quite as much principle that person can be used and taken advantage of because it is known that his principles will guide him. Now people may have mixed feelings about the vote they gave on that reconsideration motion of Senator Landis' that carried on that fees bill. We can do what is fair, correct and proper by reconsidering the failure to override the Governor's veto on the employees salary increase. New elements are now in the game than were in the game at the time that vote was taken. The override, well it was not an override, the reconsideration was given and the emergency clause was given to a fees bill and a number of funding measures will take effect immediately upon the Governor's signature. That was not the case at the time the Legislature failed to vote to override on the employees salary. Now, when I saw Senator Warner over there trying to express what he had to say in a steady unshaking voice and he was not quite successful, I thought about an expression I heard someplace that said "Depart from me for I know you not". The time you say that to a person is when that person has led you to believe that he or she would do something and then failed to do it. Senator Warner did not deserve that kind of treatment. He is quite correct when he says that his neck was on the line several times. I have to admit that I had some irritation several times during the session because of the fact that Senator Warner enjoys such respect in this body that when he requests certain things to be done, those things usually will be done. I did not want to see a half percent increase in sales tax. Senator Warner's integrity and the respect that he enjoys in this body helped carry the day on that issue that I did not like and did not agree with. But I think as a legislative body a point can be reached where we are entitled to consider things other than just figures on a piece of paper. We can consider the integrity of various members and the body itself. Now if the reason for not overriding the Governor's veto on the employees salary was because of funding problems, I don't see that that problem exists any more. Once the reason for not doing a thing is erased there is no longer any reason not to do it. I think the Legislature ought to now do the thing that is fair and just and proper. To me, Senator Landis' successful motion to reconsideration that fees bill could have been the final demeaning act that the legislature placed. It could have represented the last and total capitulation of the legislature. What we have the opportunity to do now as our last act is something that will be just. That is why I am making this motion. I had to think before I did this because I had a