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SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, very simply, I had originally intended and contemplated making a motion to suspend the rules and bring any proposals directly to the floor for the entire Legislature to be involved in right from the beginning. I understood there were some reservations on that. Senator Beutler always gets upset whenever I make motions to suspend the rules so I thought maybe the simpler thing is to give the flexibility to the Reference Committee to refer the bill directly to the floor should they choose, and you have got your elected members here, Senator Lamb and Clark and Nichol and whoever, Pirsch, that then could make the decision whether they want to move the bill directly to the floor. This would simply give them the flexibility to do that without getting into a couple of days of legislative debate as to whether it goes to a committee or blah, blah, blah. This simply gives them that flexibility. So I would urge you to adopt this and should you adopt this and then we might adopt the rules, we could recess and the Reference Committee could make that decision here in the next ten, fifteen minutes as to what they wanted to do, whether they want to direct the bills to the floor for the full Legislature to immediately know what we are dealing with and involve them or whether they want to refer them to a committee. This gives them the flexibility to do it either way without too much interference. I urge you to adopt it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, although I can see the reasoning behind this rule change and I think I will probably support it I would like to ask a couple of people a couple of questions. First off, if Senator Warner would please respond to a question. Assuming, and I guess we have to assume at this point, that the bill that we are going to deal with concerning budgets will go to the Appropriations Committee or I guess the other option would be to go to General File or I guess we have the other option of going to another committee, at this time what is the intent of the Appropriations Committee as far as dealing with the legislation and holding hearings and such? Could you please explain for us what your intent is at this time?

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, will you respond.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Wesely, members of the Legislature, on Wednesday, again not knowing what the body would decide today for an agenda, I did send to all agencies an indication that I would anticipate it if the Legislature agenda would permit it, to hold hearings or meetings on Monday