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and Tuesday for agencies or public for that matter to appear. In addition I also sent the letter to the Department of Revenue requesting that they would tentatively plan to appear before the Committee and I was going to submit a notice for those meetings for ten o'clock on Monday and nine o'clock on Tuesday and then if the bill is put directly on General File I presume the Appropriations Committee will make a report. I don't know if it is strictly significant whether we have the bill or not but we would make a report with recommended changes if any and we would proceed. Now that is, depending what the body decides, I thought that I wanted to make sure the agencies had at least as much notice as possible of that possibility, realizing that I didn't want to sit around for five days doing nothing.

SENATOR WESELY: So if the, the bill that has been introduced by the Governor or will be introduced by the Governor is referenced to General File, the Appropriations Committee will proceed with these hearings anyway and the public will have a chance to respond? Okay.

SENATOR WARNER: If the Legislature assumes or adopts the agenda that will permit that, yes, which I don't know yet.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, I would object to any situation that would not allow the public a chance to speak on any of these issues and I think that besides the Appropriations bill there is that bill on ADC which will be introduced and I know in talking to Chairman Cullan of the Public Health Committee we intend to have a hearing on that. So I think we need to provide for hearings for people so the public has a chance to speak but at the same time, considering the time constraints we are under, probably it is not an unwise thing at this point to allow the option of going to General File directly and then at that point getting a report from committees and debating and discussing in full the questions at hand. So I guess I would support the rule change at this point until further debate might change my mind. I think probably we do have some safeguards from the committee chairman that will ensure the public will have a chance to speak out on these issues.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, much of what we have done here this morning is very useless and redundant. We set the budget and the budget was adopted. The Board of Equalization met fifteen days after we left here and they stated that the funds and the revenues were