

option to lay the bill over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, obviously, the purpose of the kill motion was to provide an opportunity to find out whether or not the League was informing the body correctly. I believe they were not and, you know, I am a little surprised that...I appreciate it came down just now which it did. I just got the amendment, but it concerns me I guess that somebody back of the window is shooting in the dark, too. The purpose of the motion was to lay it over one day.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it is important as to whether or not the technical virtue, which I understand Senator Warner wants to achieve, in fact can be done without disturbing the intent of the bill and, frankly, certainly even if I had time to look at the language itself, I probably couldn't make that judgment on my own but I certainly couldn't do it without the language as well. Now, I thought I made a relatively fair, reasonable suggestion. Each of these stages is a test of will as to whether the body thinks a bill has merit, and that test of will has been scheduled for today. We have all had our time over the weekend to know that it was here, and I am prepared for that test of the body's will to occur today. I have no desire to mess up existing obligations or to in any way endanger any of the accounting practices that we now observe. And towards that end, I have made to Senator Warner a suggestion. Give me time to check the language and I will personally ask to bring the bill back from Final Reading and attach it. If it is a technical amendment, everybody here has done the same thing, but insisting the body vote on a piece of language that we do not have before us, then striking out with an indefinitely postponement motion on the failure for that amendment, apparently, to be adopted, or in this case, that somebody else does make a mistake in characterization, if that is possible, frankly, you have to bear some responsibility here, Senator Warner. I agree the League may be in the dark. That is certainly true, but if they can't see the language, they have got a darn good chance of being wrong, too. Some of that burden falls at your feet as well. Now I would suggest that tempers cool here. I will renew my invitation, even though the motion was not withdrawn as I suggested, I will be happy to pursue an