

it except I hear the same rumors that everybody else has and one of those rumors of course is that the Governor will assume that Commonwealth will pass or this bill will pass if she makes her veto decisions before it actually has passed and so that, in fact, places some of the other legitimate spending motions, measures at risk just because if that is true that she assumes that if the bill has not been disposed of by the time she makes her vetoes, which I understand she has promised to make in time for us to have an override attempt tomorrow, then that places some of these other measures at risk and I really don't have any there, but it seems unfair to do that and sort of place the whole situation in a position of uncertainty at this point. And I think at this point we should vote on the bill and if it passes, send it over there and the Governor makes the decisions on all these measures at the same time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the bracket motion. This is crunch time. This is D day. We need to take action either up or down. I don't see any reason why we should wait till tomorrow. I realize there is several senators on the floor that for the last week or ten days have been telling us we've got to stand up here and say no, we've got to say no, we've got to have guts enough to say no to some of this spending. We've even had a couple meetings during the noon hour trying to see where we could cut and where we can't, but you know with a body of 49 senators it's hard to do that because we each have the appropriation bills that we're going to support and that we're not going to support. So in the end it's going to end up in the northeast corner. It always has, it always will because we as a body here of 49 senators cannot decide collectively what we want to do and what we don't to do when it comes to appropriation bills. So I would just say to you this morning, let's go ahead and read the bill, take a vote on it and if it gets 25 votes, well it goes over to the Governor's Office and then we'll have to see what she vetoes and what she doesn't. If she vetoes some, which I'm sure she will, then it will be up to this body to decide which ones we want to override and so I just say let's oppose the bracket motion and go ahead with the vote on the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, when