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LB 814

morning at 8:00 a.m.; that we adjourn until 8:00 a.m., May 25th.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Then it's the opinion of the Chair that that motion should be disposed of at this point. It takes 40 votes. I'm sorry, no, it does not. That's right.

SENATOR WESELY: So point of clarification again, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Simple majority.

SENATOR WESELY: Simple majority will adjourn us, but it will adjourn us sine die, is that not correct, unless we have 40 votes?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I was just going to ask the same question, Mr. President, of the...I was just going to inquire of the Chair if the provision in the Constitution that says that the Legislature can be extended with 40 votes, if that was the motion specific, or are we, as Senator Wesely suggested, now adjourning sine die, which has a certain level of attractiveness too, but one should not do it inadvertently so I'm just asking for clarification of the motion of the Chair.

SPEAKER BARRETT: In the opinion of the Chair, the motion to adjourn until May 25 is very much in order and we should dispose of that motion at this time. A simple majority would prevail. It's also the opinion of the Chair that should that prevail, that would constitute a sine die adjournment. At this point, the matter is not debatable; a vote up or down. Do you understand the question? The motion is to adjourn until tomorrow. If that prevails, we adjourn sine die. All in favor of a motion vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 32 nays, Mr. President, on a motion to adjourn.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. Back to LB 814, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion with respect to LB 814 is by Senator Langford.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President and colleagues, I really don't like to tell you things you've already been told before, but I guess there's no choice. Founders Hall, the third floor, the