

the Appropriations Committee and ask them to make some serious recommendations if we have an overall feeling we want to try to just spend a little bit less money here. I think we have every right to do that. And I have...I have a quick question for Senator Wehrbein, if I could, please.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Wehrbein, would you respond to a question, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Wehrbein, Speaker Withem spoke of the 80-day rule and I guess I would like to know whether or not the 80-day rule with regard to passing the budget has been...has been generally glossed over in the past or not adhered to strictly. Do you know the answer to that?

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I don't recall every year but most years we probably come...don't make the 80-day.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. There's also a rule...there's also a rule and I may run out of time on this, that says that the appropriations bills take precedence over other bills on General File, and there isn't anybody in here that doesn't know that 394 hasn't seen the light of day. Now that's a rule and I don't know that that has been general practice for an appropriations bill not to be put on the agenda with the rest of the appropriations bills. So if we're going to talk about rules, then I think...then I think Mr. Speaker needs to also recognize that apparently he has chosen to ignore a rule in that respect, for whatever reason. I would urge the body to adopt the Warner amendment. I think it's an excellent amendment and then we can go on with the bracket motion. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Fromm. Before we go to the next speaker, I would like to introduce guests of Senator Fisher. In the north balcony, there are 33 fourth graders from Starr Elementary in Grand Island, Nebraska, with their teacher. Would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you for joining us today in the Legislature. Senator Wesely, your light is next.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members, I would begin by