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what's set out in the constitution and I think we should look at it that way. But I'm hoping that even though this year the Governor has been very good and perhaps you could view this as an unnecessary skip in time to the 8th, I support the 8th, I think it's important to set the precedent so that then when the time comes that we really need to do this we don't appear to be partisan, because of some particular Governor, or be pouting or be in a bad mood or something because we're doing something out of the ordinary. If we do it this year and next year and every year it will be seen as the constitutional right and responsibility of the Legislature, which is in fact what it is. The last thing I wanted to mention is there is something that's been changing in recent times, which I think makes this more important, a more important precedent to establish, and that is the fact that we are seeing, in recent years, Governors establishing larger and larger and larger agendas. And now we're not competing anymore with the Governor just on the level of expenditures in the appropriations bills, but in fact you've probably noticed this year there is competition among your bills and the Governor's bills. And I'm not sure that was ever the way that the system was ever intended to operate. I'm not sure that the Governor should have a large agenda, after all he's the executive officer and the administrator. And although it is important to hear from him on what makes government run better, there are limitations to that, too. And in any event, that is what's happening, and I think that makes it...that's a new thing in history that makes it important that we establish the precedent of exercising or at least being available to exercise that last responsibility if we choose to do so. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Brashear, your light is next. Senator Brashear, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Hall, colleagues, briefly, and I will be brief. I rise in support of the concept of concluding our business tonight. We have worked hard, we have done our best. I see absolutely nothing wrong with now separating, going back, reflecting, thinking, talking to people, coming back on Thursday the 8th and making the best decisions we know how to make in response to those decisions which the Governor has made. I don't think we should be compelled by tradition, or scheduling, or fatigue, or wanting to get it over with, or anything else. And I think the ultimate work of the body would be benefitted by all the good things that would happen in the interim. And I