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SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Warner, your light is next.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just rise briefly to support the motion. As I read it, certainly the amendment or motion is to the bill, not a procedural thing, but I think it's particularly appropriate to provide the opportunity for debate to the extent the body wishes to debate the bill based on this current form and then we can vote them up or down as we individually believe is correct policy. But I would hope we would adopt the motion as offered by the Speaker.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Warner. The following lights are Senator Bromm, Bernard-Stevens, Chambers, Crosby, Lynch and Dierks. Senator Bromm, your light is next.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Hall, fellow senators, I rise to support the motion. I appreciate the Speaker bringing the motion. It appears to me, without any question, if we're going to at least get to the business that we have at hand that we've got to follow some sort of course that places some discipline upon ourselves. And as much as I hate to stifle some of the amendments that might be made or proposed, we don't have the time. We're...I regret we're in that position as much as anyone. We simply don't have the time to do that. There comes a time when you have to put first things first and I think none of these bills have had any small amount of effort or time placed into them. That doesn't mean they are good bills or bad bills but they've had a lot of time, a lot of attention, a lot of effort through committee, through public hearings, through extended debate and they are significant bills in terms of what they do. Whether you talk about the constitutional lid, whether you think we should or shouldn't have it, it's a significant bill. The school reorganization bill has an impact. The special ed bill is important to me and many others and I think it's important enough that we need to vote on it. The crime bill, there will be extensive discussion on whether we should pass it or not pass it but we can do that. We can...if we don't think it's in a shape to pass, we don't have to pass it but at least we vote on it, it will be there for reconsideration next session, if anyone chooses to do that. Welfare bill, I see no alternative, I see no alternative but to proceed along this line and I think it's the proper course. Senator Chambers mentioned a rule change that Senator Will and I have filed and I can't