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Committee. That report is now open for discussion. Anybody wishing to discuss the confirmation report offered by the Education Committee? Seeing no lights on, Senator Raikes. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of the confirmation report as offered by the Education Committee. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is the report offered by the Education Committee. Have you all voted on the report who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal page 875.) 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The report has been adopted. Next agenda item, motion, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Wehrbein and Bromm would move to suspend a component of Rule 8, Section 5, that requires the Appropriations Committee to place appropriation bills on General File no later than the fortieth legislative day in a sixty-day session. (Legislative Journal page 865.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Wehrbein, to open on your motion.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, this is the motion I guess you probably read about in the paper by now that our committee is asking to delay bringing of the appropriations bill to the floor for a few days. This is actually open-ended. It asks for a suspension of the rule, a suspension of the rule that requires that we have this bill up here on the fortieth day. Today is the thirty-sixth...thirty...this is the thirty-sixth day, so typically it should have been up here by next week, I think it was Wednesday. We're asking to have the rule suspension, which takes 30 votes, that we might have a few more days to work on the bombshell, if you will, that we had last Friday. It's our intention not to delay this more than two, possibly three days, so it isn't that we plan on it being an extended period of time. But it does give us a little more time to work through some of