

1 of time the budget alone, I think, scarcely within the
2 span of a single decade, has gone from \$146 million to
3 over \$1 billion a year, the sheer workload of going
4 through the budget alone is enough to presume against
5 trying to set a definite limit upon the meeting time of
6 the General Assembly.

7 The argument to the contrary was this: That
8 the General Assembly, being composed of human beings, would
9 be prone to procrastination and that if the General
10 Assembly did not have some particular deadline to which it
11 would address itself and its schedule, that it would never
12 come to an end.

13 This was an argument which was made by a
14 substantial number of legislators themselves, who feel
15 that the deadline was necessary, but the problem arose,
16 not in recognizing the principle, but in applying the
17 principle, coming up with a sufficient number of days.
18 The argument was made, why should the legislature be res-
19 tricted by a ninety-day session or a seventy-day session;
20 why make it an involuntary part-time body? How can you
21 possibly hope to strengthen it to put it on a par with the