

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler. Senator DeCamp is next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to speak in favor of suspending the rules and I feel comfortable doing that in this particular situation because I don't feel that we are abusing our processes. What I mean by that is that this bill did have a long and tedious debate. I might just show you the information that was developed from the hearing. It is a very elaborate and lengthy document and there was a lot of good information and I think it was examined quite thoroughly on into the evening. If you were thinking of our ordinary processes, you would think that it takes and you would know that it takes 30 votes to bring it out over the committee even if the committee had indefinitely postponed it. And what is being asked of you today is a 30 vote suspension of the rules anyway, so it is 30 votes one way or another. Nobody is escaping any process. But the question is whether you want to discuss the issue. I don't think the question at this point in time is the merits of the issue. I think the question is whether it is a subject worth discussing. And I would suggest to you that it is a subject worth discussing. Today after this we have one unimportant commendatory...not unimportant but a mere commendatory resolution. That is all we have left today and tomorrow as far as I know at this point in time we have nothing serious to debate, just some Final Reading. This essentially is going to be our last chance to have a good, solid debate on some...on a very interesting and important human question in our state. And I would just suggest to you that we take this next hour. It is three twenty-nine, just take 40 minutes to an hour and discuss it. And even if at the very worst you come to no conclusion, you will be better off for the discussion. You will be better off for the discussion because there are many interesting and important aspects to this particular question. It has been suggested to you that maybe some of the details are not known and we should wait till next year. But I suggest to you that in the end you are going to make up your mind probably based on some very fundamental philosophic beliefs that you hold or you do not hold because how you analyze this question, it seems to me, begins with some assumptions you make. Now, if you make the assumptions that the Indians were a separate nation, a separate sovereign nation, and that we had a history of relating to that nation through a series of