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LB 600A

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) May we have order in the Chamber and the attention of the speaker, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We're now dealing with LB 600A which, as I discussed with you yesterday, I intend to attempt to strip its contents and insert, in lieu thereof, a provision to raise the speed limit on the interstate, but instead of getting into an argument about germaneness, the first step is to suspend the rule with reference to germaneness so that the amendment can be attached to the bill. Then I will discuss that proposition, so my first motion is to suspend that germaneness rule and that is what I am moving at this point.

PRESIDENT: Very well, go through the lights here, I haven't been turning them off. Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak on Senator...do you want to speak on Senator Chambers' motion to suspend the rules to accept a motion through the germaneness? Very well. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, I would ask, has this issue been before the body in adequate time, meeting the constitutional test? I don't know if there has been a bill or the issue has been printed in adequate time and my first question would be on that ground.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, do you wish to comment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. What I am attempting to amend into this bill not only was a bill with a public hearing, but it was advanced by that committee and is now on General File so...

SENATOR WESELY: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that provision is no problem.

SENATOR WESELY: It was a nice try anyway. Thank you. Okay, Mr. President, evidently then I would ask, I wish I had caught the unanimous consent effort, but I would ask you to oppose this. Again, we're seeing late in the session an attempt to amend bills in of questionable value. This would raise the speed limit to 70 miles per hour, a highly questionable thing for us to do. There are ramifications in terms of federal sanctions that may be brought against us for that action. Obviously, it's an area that is very clouded at this point. This is one area that Senator Chambers has attempted time and