

a...members, please pay a little attention here. We're going to take an item out of order here. Senator Schellpeper, the Chair of the General Affairs Committee, as I understand, has a special motion he'd like taken up at the moment. We will accommodate that. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schellpeper would move to suspend Rule 3, Section 13 to allow public hearing on LR 24CA, LB 343 and LB 344 to occur on Monday, January 23rd.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schellpeper, to explain your motion.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, as you know, our committee meets on Mondays and we have a chance to have some hearings this coming Monday, but the bills were not introduced in time to get referenced. They were just referenced this morning. The three bills that we're going to be dealing with are the one that was on the ballot last year, 24CA would deal with off-track betting, and we have to have a hearing on that again, so we decided to put that the first day so we can get it heard. The other one is LB 343 which is a bill from the Department of Revenue concerning state lottery. It's their annual cleanup bill. Then we have LB 344, which is from the Department of Revenue also, it is the charitable gaming cleanup bill. But these three bills we wanted to have hearings on them Monday. They are all bills that were put in by the General Affairs Committee, but yet in order to have these hearings Monday and get our hearings...all of our bills through the hearing process, since we do not meet on several Mondays, we would like to suspend the rules and then have these three bills up Monday. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Is there any discussion on the motion? There were about five lights that were on from the earlier lunch...prior to lunch, and I'll leave those on. Let me go through and make sure you didn't want to talk to this motion though. Crosby, Hall, Beutler, Bromm, Schimek, did any of you wish to speak to this motion? Senator Schellpeper, do you have closing?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No, I would just move to...so that we suspend the rules, that we can hear these bills. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Motion is to suspend the rules requiring a full week's advance notice on...for public hearings, to enable the