

and that is something that many people have been asking me about for a month and a half or two months, but we may not get to it. If we vote for the suspension motion, you won't have the right to vote on that because it ain't going to come up. But if you want a shot at it, if we want a shot to at least see where the body stands on it, we don't support the suspension motion. If we...if we do support...if we do want the body to have a shot at voting on that, then we don't support the suspension motion and that is the other...that's the prohibition on same sex marriages. Like I say, that's been several people have asked me about throughout the session. Finding a bill which it is germane to and will not violate the multiple subjects bill is a very difficult thing to do, as we all know. The...since this is a bill which the underlying subject matter on high-level nuclear waste was not found to be important this year, gutting the bill and putting in the language makes sense. I don't know that given the time frames that we have left in the session if we even get to any other bill that it might be proposed on, so if we want to vote on it I think this may be our only opportunity to do so. But in order to do that we have to defeat the suspension motion and, as I mentioned, yes, I did. I wanted to set up some hierarchy but I believe I withdrew two of the four amendments that I had filed. I then filed this one and the only other amendment, this one I have here, which again is substantive, changes the date from March 1, '97, to January 31, '98. Fairness issue, we just did that with somebody who already entered into a contract to sell public records, a contract which very likely may be invalid, but to even allow them that much time on an invalid contract, allowing somebody that much time to get on their feet and...I mean, it would have been a fairness question, but now we have to rush to shut off debate on a bill which made it to second reading with no General File debate, which, again, likely can't have any Final Reading debate because of when it will come up. Are you comfortable with it? Are you comfortable with that kind of process? Are you comfortable with not voting on, and some of you may be, not voting on the same sex marriage proposal? Not...are you comfortable with not allowing a chance to change the...to change the date? This is not a full-blown filibuster. I've been through enough of them that we could go until June if we wanted to because I think Senator Chambers and Senator Landis and Senator Bernard-Stevens and others whom I've been sitting in the chair while they've been talking have taught me quite a bit about filibusters. Right now, I believe I could put a bracket motion up and we