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PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Speaker Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Let me try to explain to you procedurally what we're doing. Senator Wehrbein has done a good job of explaining to you why we needed to make the change in the budget. There's a number of options that could have been used here, but the most straightforward and easy to understand way is to use LB 1154A to make the correction from what I call a scrivener's error in the budget. And to do that, the A bill that's here, Senator Stuhr's priority bill that she put into another bill, the A bill is here, is not being used and doesn't have a purpose. However, the rules say, Rule 5, Section 6(f) and (g) basically it says that A bills are to accompany their substantive bill through all stages of debate and then there's also rule (g) that says that the A bills are going to be held until the substantive bill is read on Final Reading. So you can't do those sorts of things without suspending that rule. This is one of the few times I've seen an error in the budget like this. In fact, I don't remember another one. It's a special circumstance, but you do need to suspend the rule so you just don't take stray A bills and put substantive things into them and go on through Final Reading. So what this suspension does is basically say that the A bill does not have to wait until the underlying bill of 1154 passes because 1154 has nothing in it right now. It's contents and so on was done by Senator Stuhr last week and that bill is on Select File. So with that, I would move to suspend the rules. I'd be happy to answer any questions. And this is probably the most open mechanism and the simplest mechanism for correcting that small error in the budget as Senator Wehrbein explained.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Is there any discussion on the motion to suspend the rules? Seeing none, Senator Kristensen, do you wish to close?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: No, Madam President, I waive.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The question before the body is the motion to suspend the rules on LB 1154A. All those in favor vote aye, all