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CLERK: Mr. President, (LB) 176 is reported to General File with committee amendments by the Natural Resources Committee. That's signed by Senator Schrock. And I have a new A bill, (LB) 131A, by Senator Tyson (read by title for the first time). That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1030-1031 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next item of business is a motion by Senator Bohlke with respect to LB 149. She would move to suspend Rule 8, Section 5, to permit consideration of that bill on Final Reading today.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Bohlke, you're recognized on your motion.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The time line that we have and the time that we need to get things done requires this motion to suspend the rules. I certainly anticipate Senator Chambers will be speaking about how he consistently has felt on this issue, and quite, as a matter of fact, I did talk to him beforehand about the necessity of this. It's not my favorite way to have to do things, but we don't really have another way to address the issue that we need to get this done in order to meet the time line of April 1st. We need to suspend the rules because this does have a fiscal impact. And it is coming before we have the appropriation bill on the floor. I talked with Senator Wehrbein early, we all knew that this would be the process that we would have to use. And so, during this time I would also like to thank the Speaker, who has worked, I think, has been very willing to make sure that we can meet the time line that's necessary to get this done, to implement it so schools will have this information by April 1st. It took a lot of cooperation and a lot of cooperation, I think, on your part will be required to support the suspension of the rules. We need 30 votes to suspend the rules, and then, following that, on LB 149 it does have the emergency clause, so I have to remind you all that we need 33 votes on the bill. I have handed out a sheet for all of you that's entitled "With LB 149" and "Without LB 149". And I would just like to go over a couple of things, because I said, when I handed out the