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PRESIDENT: There is no unanimous consent motion.

SENATOR BURBACH: Unanimous consent was asked for.

PRESIDENT: No, not here this morning. No, sir. I beg to differ with you, Senator Burbach, but he is asking for suspension of the Rules and that is not a unanimous consent. That takes 30 votes. Does that help, sir.

SENATOR BURBACH: Yes, that helps. I was thinking he asked unanimous consent to suspend the Rules and if he did, then he'd have to move now, but if he moved first, why then I'm in error.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, sir. Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, members of the body, I don't know how many times I am going to have to stand up on this floor but I guess at least once a day from here on out. I think that the phrase that was inadvertently stated by Senator Moylan is really the correct phrase that we should be talking to this morning. That was, rather than calling it the suspension of the Rules, let's call it the suspicion of the Rules. Now Rule 3, Section 5 clearly states, before taking final action on a bill or Resolution, a Committee shall hold a public hearing, thereon, and shall give at least seven calendar days notice, etc. No where in this Resolution, no where does it mention the bill upon which the Resolution apparently has been given reference to. This is a separate issue. You can try to correlate it, but I don't know how without referring' to the bill which we have heard that the Public Health Committee had its public hearing on, I don't know how you can consider the two together. This is not a singular issue. This is a separate issue from the bill that was introduced in this Legislature. It's asking this Legislature to recommend that Congress take action. The bill that was introduced asked the state Legislature to take action and as Senator Chambers so well stated, this is an attempt to get around this body taking action. It doesn't mean that you are for or against the issue. It, merely, means that you'll stand up and meet the issue. So, again, I don't care whether you have doubts as to whether or not this is going to a public hearing or not, I say lets stay off of it until we are sure it is going to have a public hearing.

PRESIDENT: The chair next recognizes Senator Goodrich. Still debating the motion to suspend the Rules and take up the Resolution. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, just to start with as you all probably are aware, I am on the Public Health Committee. I did set through the long laborious public hearing that we had on the abortion bill. I would like to say two things. Number one, we had an extensive hearing which included the subject of the Resolution that we are dealing with now. We discussed that with the public that was appearing on that bill rather extensively. I feel, myself, that it has had a public hearing already. Personally, I couldn't care less whether it has another public hearing or not. I happen to think that we had an extensive public hearing on it already, but I would like to clear up one thing and that's the fact that the Health and Welfare Committee has every intention of bringing out a bill to prohibit abortion. We have not done it yet for one reason and that's the fact that we have four versions of a bill and as you all know, the Supreme Court has set up some guidelines for this subject matter and we are going to have to be correct when we bring it out. That's why we are taking a little bit of time so that we can do it right. We have, for example, four attorneys working on this subject matter in Omaha and I know of three separate nights that they have worked straight through. I