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PRESIDENT: Do you understand what the motion is for? Alright, Senator Whitney? There is no further discussion then of the motion to suspend the rules and Senator Whitney may close. No closing, Senator Whitney?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I visited with Senator Lewis about this. His interpretation was, for example, if a woman had a tubular pregnancy, that it would be impossible if this type of a bill or law were finally made by the people of the United States and that would not be fair to that woman for her to die because of a tubular pregnancy and so, I feel that since there is not enough people here sometimes to get 25 votes, that this is very, very important. I've known of tubular pregnancies where they had to take the child in order to save the mother and had they not done it then they both would have died and so I feel that this is a very important amendment that Senator Lewis has here because I want to protect the mother as well as the child and so that's the reason why I have asked for this courtesy for Senator Lewis because of the fact sometimes there aren't enough persons in this legislative body in order to get 25 votes.

PRESIDENT: Question is, shall the rules be suspended so that only a simple majority is required to amend LR 23 on select file. That's the sole issue we're deciding at this time. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Seems kind of silly to me that you have to get 30 votes in order to get 25 later.

PRESIDENT: Oh, well, Senator Clark, I just preside here. Motion is to suspend the rules and I'm trying to make the issue as clear as I can and it is a rather complicated motion. Question is, shall the rules be suspended so that only a simple majority is required to amend LR 23 on select file. All those in favor of suspending the rules, vote aye. All those opposed vote no. All those in favor of suspending the rules, vote aye. All those opposed vote no.

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