

PRESIDENT: You moved to put the bill ahead of General File.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, you can listen to the tape just before noon there was a lot of confusion and I said that I moved to suspend the rules and place on General File as I originally made my motion, to put it ahead of General File. That is the only way it could be done. We would be...it is ridiculous to say anything else, that is the only way we could do it.

PRESIDENT: I'll buy that if that is the ground rules that the Senate wants to go under...We are suspending the rules.

SENATOR PROUD: Now, I'm questioning...Senator Luedtke...so that the Senator would understand my question. The only other reason that I as Speaker would go along with the suspension of rules because of the danger of establishing a precedent. We can get up here and suspend the rules on every bill and then the rest of the bills are buried one step down everytime you ask for one to go to the top of General File. I want to ask Senator Luedtke if he considers this an emergency because in an emergency I think that we should suspend the rules. Do you consider this an emergency Senator Luedtke?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: All the people that have brought this matter to my attention consider this an extreme emergency for the state of Nebraska. I'm just carrying what they say to this legislature and this body will decide whether it is an emergency. It is no emergency to me personally, I'll tell you that.

SENATOR PROUD: Then let me ask Senator Luedtke this. I believe that perhaps in another week or something here we may have to let each Senator pick the bill that is the most important to him and place it at the top of General File and I as speaker do have the power to do that but I want to warn you as you a make this request to put it at the top of General File I may count that as your bill.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, if I may ask the speaker a question, I don't know how you can consider this a personal bill this is a bill that was assigned to my committee, as Chairman of the judicial committee, and this was a judiciary committee bill reported to the floor. I have nothing to do with it, it as a personal matter.

SENATOR PROUD: It is Senator Schmit's bill isn't it?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: NO, it is the agricultural committee bill.

SENATOR PROUD: And, he is the chairman of the agriculture committee. All I'm saying to you that if this is so important I may count that against you or Senator Schmit, if he wants to take the responsibility of it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carstens is next, Senator Schmit I have orders to start with, Senator Schmit will you turn out your light, you are down last now. Senator Kelly, will you turn out yours you are on the lest. Senator Carstens is next.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Mr. Chairman, where are we at? What am I allowed to say or not to say, that is what I want to know.