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We are debating suspending the rules Senator Duis, do you have some input here?

SENATOR DUIS: Our debate at the moment is the emergency of suspending the rules so the merits of it any way shape or form. Just a fact that it is an emergency and that the rules should be suspended. I think that is the proper situation at the moment. If this bill is put up there, then the debate of the bill and the merits

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of it can be explained. I think right now all that we can discuss is the emergency that is necessary and I think that you can get the a...a...your thoughts in that kind of shape so that if you want to say something you can sure have the floor.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Mr. Chairman, members of the legislature it is a little bit difficult to speak to the motion without considering what is involved. However, I am going to say right off hand, that in the original proposal here, I was peturbed because the....if I may Mr. Chairman, and you can call me out of order if you want to and I'll abide by your ruling sir, but the original introduction by our agricultural committee was way back when? The committee heard the bill on the 18th of February and it is on today that the committee has come out with a report and ask for this to be put at the head of general file. My question is this, and I'm sure that there is an answer but I would like to ask Senator Luedtke why the committee was so slow in bringing this bill to the floor and I'm sure that the committee in hearing the bill fully realized that it was of up-most importance to the agricultural economy of Nebraska as well as the state of Nebraska as a whole.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke do you yield?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes, I certainly do. I have already answered this question to Senator Carstens personally, but I just as well let the whole world know. The answer is this. When the Attorney General appeared before our committee and gave us this, these astounding facts about life about the anti-trust law, the judiciary committee felt constrained to actually very thoroughly study what we had to do to make this bill effective. I'm sure that the agricultural committee did not want this bill to go across the board until and unless we were ready to have an effective bill. Somebody just said that a little while ago and I concur in that opinion. Now, what we did we immediately had our staff, fortunately we have a staff that went to work and obtained the necessary legislation to do the job then put into amendment form the kind of an amendment that will give us the mechanics for the anti-trust law that we need in Nebraska. That is right now being prepared which is what I just mentioned before will be in your Journal and ready for action when this bill moves across. We did not report out of committee. That is why we don't want to hold it up any more. We do have the information in our possession now, and we are ready to move it across the board. We would not have been ready until this week.