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I'll take my place in line to comment on his motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Now, read the motion before the Body which is Senator Maresh's motion, please.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, I simply move to suspend the rules and advance LB632 without any further amendments. Signed, Senator Maresh.

PRESIDENT: All right, the Chair recognizes Senator Maresh now for the beginning arguments, opening arguments on his motion.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. LB632 had two hearings and no one appeared except one man to take the food tax off and I think at that time people that had all these brilliant ideas should have come forward and presented them to the committee and we could have maybe got this through. This late in the game, I think it's time to get this bill advanced and give the people credit of their food...on their food tax, and let's not fool around with this bill any longer. I so move.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Chambers. Motion is to suspend the rules and advance the bill without any further....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I attempted a few days ago to return a bill to Select File, remove the contents and substitute a provision to take the tax off food altogether. Senator Maresh and other people who are in favor of LB632 said don't vote to do it on that bill. The appropriate bill to do it on is LB632. Now that LB632 is here and under Senator Maresh's recommendation, I'm following the procedure he laid out. He wants to say no, this is not the time. I think the time to deal with an issue is when the issue is before the Body. Yesterday there were a series of amendments offered to the bill and I can understand Senator Maresh's concern. But I have a concern too. And I feel that the responsibility I owe to the people that I'm interested in far outweighs any friendship or anything else that develops on this floor among the various senators. I ask you to vote against his motion. And if there are legitimate amendments as legitimate as I feel mine is to LB632, they should be considered. Incorporated in his motion is the concept of ceasing debate on all issues and a host of other things. The bill ought to have a chance to be used as a vehicle for other purposes which are very closely related... to it and I do remind Senator Maresh while I look him in his eye, if he'll look at me, you said LB632 is the bill to try to do what I want to do.

PRESIDENT: Now, next to speak, Senator Marsh, then Burbach, Whitney and Warner.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I will vote against moving LB632 forward in its form now. I feel we should consider Senator Warner's amendment. I feel this is a fair, equitable solution and this would be the compromise. Let's go this direction.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: No response.

PRESIDENT: See, I did get around to you.