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SENATOR NEWELL: That is correct.

SENATOR NICHOL: Well Senator Lewis just now told me that it was coming through Judiciary so, yes, we will be having a hearing in approximately a week or something like that.

SENATOR NEWELL: Thank you, Senator Nichol. Assuming that the adoption bill would be referenced to the Judiciary Committee, which I think is a safe assumption, then both of these hearings could be held at the same time and I think that...Senator Nichol, would you like to respond to that? Does that seem reasonable to you?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, that sounds reasonable and I wouldn't say that we would or wouldn't but there is a possibility they could be held at the same time.

SENATOR NEWELL: Thank you. I think that in terms of the mechanics and some of the complaints about the last minute and so forth, I think that these problems can be worked out. Senator Nichol said that he is willing to work with that, assuming naturally that the reference is the same and I am sure it will be. I think that the introduction of this bill at this time is a much cleaner approach, Senator Maresh. Senator Maresh, Senator Maresh, much cleaner approach ... I'm just talking to you for a moment, than introducing, than pulling back another bill in trying to amend that. Now that may be a tactic if this does not succeed although I think that it would be preferable to have it cleanly written in a separate bill dealing with this issue. I think that the introduction of this bill at this time is warranted. I think that we have made some amendments, tried to make it a little tighter, deal with some people's objections. Senator Vickers and Senator Labeledz had specific questions in terms of the issue and we have tried to deal more specifically with the tightening up in those areas. So I think that at this time the introduction of this bill would be meritorious. I think it would be the right thing to do. I don't think it will cause us any great problem and with that, I urge you to suspend the rules to introduce this bill.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question then is the suspension of rules and the introduction of Request #1602. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It requires 30 votes. We are voting on the suspension of the rules to introduce Request #1602. Senator Newell, we are going to have to move along on these votes. The Speaker and I have discussed this this morning so we just as well go right in to a Call of the House.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I guess since that is the advice that