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SENATOR HABERMAN: No, you did first, you did.

SENATOR CLARK: 25 votes. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to close?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I guess if somebody should cry, maybe it would be me because all the speakers, I think there were at least two or three, Senator Chambers, Senator Beutler, were speaking against my suspension, that's what we are talking about is just the motion to suspend the rules, and I am not going to push it hard either way. You know what the issue is. You know you are suspending the rules to take up a special issue, and if 30 people decide that, it will put the burden on us the people that are interested in this issue, put the burden on us to muster 30. And if that occurs, it is a signal to the Legislature that a vast majority feel that this is important enough at this late date to do something so that you don't have some other problems develop in September. The issue is not that complicated. You have had a lot of discussion on it, gobs of public hearings. As I say, put the burden on us to get 30, and Rex can have two minutes of my time to argue why you shouldn't go with my motion.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I believe the issue here is germaneness, isn't it, Mr. President?

SENATOR CLARK: It was ruled not germane.

SENATOR HABERMAN: That is right, okay. You look at the yellow pages in the book and it talks about financing school systems. It talks about setting a limit on tuition. It talks about distributing state aid. And what the 318 amendment they have has to do with this, I don't know. So I would have to say it is ridiculous that it's germane, and when Deacon John stands up there and says, see if I have 30 votes, he has probably already got his 30 votes in his pocket, that's why he is doing what he is doing or wouldn't do it. So I am going to ask this body not to support it, that it is not germane, and to support the Chair. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of suspending the rules for the germaneness of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? We are voting on the suspension of the rules. Once more, have you all voted? Have you all voted? For the last time, have you all voted? Record the vote. Senator DeCamp.