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Fault of anyone this resolution did not get properly placed so my only chance is to offer a rule to suspend the rules. Now, Mr. Bogard, who is the new President of the Omaha Public School Systems Board of Education.... I put on your desk a remark, I have no problem with him wanting to keep Dr. Knudson because he is very able and he has demonstrated that, and I would support that one hundred percent. Now when he gets into the issue of possibly taking in School District 66, School District 54, and Millard some day when it is more beautiful in terms of dollars, I think that is enlarging his presidency too rapidly. I suggest to him that he should be a policy maker for the good education of the students of the Omaha Public School System. I also call to your attention that Mr. Bogard's statement, and I quote, said he is not unalterably opposed to tax revenue lids. In a way it forces a good economy of the dollar, that a lid is not a bad idea. Yet I think it is hypocritical that the Omaha Board of Education lobbied me tough on 352 and opposed 352, yet very conveniently for the press he said he is not opposed to lids. Several of us in here bled over the repeal of zero lid, and we bled tough and hard. I did a year ago and again we did it this year, Senator Carsten and many others. The same individual who assumes that high office now impugns the character of other elected school board members who have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that their systems are efficient, they are appropriate and they offer quality education. And as a closing remark before I withdraw this, I want to state this. Westside High School this year had thirty David Scholarship winners, which is the highest ACT scores for the regions in the State of Nebraska. That is worth \$500 a student. The public schools of Omaha had four. So measure that for quality education efficiency and what is going on in the school system. I withdraw the rule suspension.

PRESIDENT: Did I hear you say you withdrew the....? Okay, Senator Koch. Withdrawn...shall be withdrawn. Anything further now, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely then would move to suspend the rules so as to permit consideration of LR 196.

PRESIDENT: All right, now we are on a motion to suspend the rules. 196. Senator Wesely. You are on.

SENATOR WESELY: I just would like to suspend the rules. We brought this resolution, Senator Hoagland, Fowler, Beutler and myself cosigned it. We tried to get it in yesterday and we couldn't get it in and so it just got into