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it for something very important that has a basis of a need that is clear and not just something just because somebody wants to pass a certain piece of legislation that sounds good but we are not certain is needed. So I would reject the effort to suspend the rules and let's move on with some of the other legislation pending.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President, briefly just let me state that I know that Senator Hefner's proposal as currently written is not as damaging to the statewide initiative and referendum process as it originally was. It is not as objectionable as it used to be but still in my view it is objectionable. Even to the extent it has been scaled down, it is going to make it that much harder for people to exercise their constitutional right to put initiative proposals on the ballot or to attempt to repeal through the referendum procedure laws the Legislature has passed. So I know that if we get into discussing this thing on the merits, we are going to take up some time because I have some problems with what he is trying to do and I think that is going to mean that other bills that are further ahead of it on the calendar are probably not going to get heard. So I just want to let the body know that that I think we are going to have a scrap over this issue if we are going to try and deal with it today, and as others have indicated, since it is not truly of an emergency nature, I don't think we should punish those sponsors of other bills that are on the agenda today by eating up time on this one to try to leapfrog this one up over the others. So I would hope you would vote against suspending the rules because I don't think there is a genuine showing of need in this case.

SENATOR CLARK: All those in favor of suspending the rules will vote aye, opposed will vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on the suspension of the rules? Senator Hefner, I am going to call the vote.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Chairman, I would ask for a Call of the House.

SENATOR CLARK: We are supposed to be under Call. We are on Final Reading. Do you want a roll call vote?

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, why don't we check in and see if they are all here.

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