

the things on the list. I think they have done an excellent job. On the other hand, I don't think I want to give up my prerogative at least to being able to divide the question and being able to say, well, I would like to talk about this issue or that issue or what have you. So my attitude is very simple. We just simply follow the rules of the game which are that we will simply go with where we left off apparently a week ago on Wednesday which is with the 2 percent amendment and see how that fares. It may fail. Senator Chambers may amend it. Others may amend it. If so, that's the way it goes, but by and by we'll get to the committee cuts of the Appropriations Committee and we'll discuss those and deal with those and some of those will probably stick and some may not stick and who knows what? But we're probably better off in the end to avoid a suspension of the rules.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis and then Senator Haberman and then Senator Carsten.

SENATOR LANDIS: I would like to call the question on the issue of suspending the rules.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five hands? I do. I'll put the question to you. The question is, shall the debate cease on the motion to suspend the rules? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 8 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I'd yield some of my closing time to Senator Hannibal.

PRESIDENT: Very well. Senator Hannibal, do you want us to time you?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President, I don't think that will be necessary. I want to be fairly brief and I'll give the time back to Senator Warner when I am finished with what is left. I'd like to just explain to the Legislature what's happening. We're going to be dealing with the first issue here. It's a suspension of rules. A suspension of rules takes 30 votes. If you vote to suspend the rules, you will