

CLERK: 29 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to reconsider the rule suspension.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion is adopted.

CLERK: I think, Mr. President, the motion now before the Legislature is to suspend Rule 7, Section 3(e), to permit consideration of the Appropriations Committee amendment to the pending Beutler-Vickers amendment without the question being divided.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I think I've made the arguments as to why the rule should be suspended, so that we may take up a motion, so we may take up the committee amendment. I would like to suspend the rule. I'm going to offer that. Senator Chambers and I will discuss the appropriate place for the vote on the actual amendment, and it may well be that his amendment should take precedence. If it should, it is fine, glad to have it done, no problem. But in the meantime, we should suspend the rules so that we can vote on the appropriation package as a whole.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labedz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: (No response.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: (No response.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I will support the motion because we are now back to where we were and where we should have been. It puts our integrity back into place. Those who do not like the budget can still have their opportunity to try to change it. But at least we are moving forward, at least we are making some progress. We have four days left and I heartily urge you to support this motion at this time so that we can actually get down and get something done. Then those people who wish to argue and fight, or play snooker, and I'll explain that game to you before this session is over. Senator Chambers didn't