

than to overrule the Chair in this instance.

PRESIDENT: The motion before us is, shall the Chair be overruled? And, Senator Pappas, do you wish to speak anymore?

SENATOR PAPPAS: I'd like to withdraw that motion to overrule the Chair.

PRESIDENT: The motion is withdrawn. We are now back to the motion to suspend the rules in order to take up a nongermane amendment. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: (No response.)

PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion on this again? Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, I'm going to discuss it for a moment because I believe in this. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the question is why would somebody who is diametrically opposed to video lottery vote to suspend the rules? The reason why somebody who is diametrically opposed to video lottery voting to suspend the rules is this, because there are a significant number of legislators in this body who want the video lottery issue debated and voted upon this year. And so again as one of the courtesies we extend to our colleagues is we vote to suspend the rules so that an idea may be debated and voted upon and if the idea fails, it fails. If it advances, it advances, but the honest way of handling this issue is exactly as Senator DeCamp has offered. We simply suspend the rules. We then discuss LB 144, the video lottery bill, and if you can find 25 votes it finds it and it comes into 127 and if it can't, it can't. But I would ask that the rules be suspended so that LB 144 can be blended into 127.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and the Legislature, I'm going to vote to suspend the rules, but not as a courtesy to those who want the video lotteries. I think the only way we're really going to get to a consideration of the Commonwealth issue somewhat on its merits is to resolve this issue one way or the other of the video lotteries. To fail to suspend the rules puts us right back where we were which