

means that 713 must come before 127. We've put 127 in position to be considered and I hope that we will suspend the rules and allow that consideration to occur and be disposed of in whatever way a majority sees fit.

PRESIDENT: Senator Conway. I'm going to pass over him for a moment. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the suspension of the rules. As I mentioned before this is the time of the session when the system has a tendency to break down. We have had bills that deal with all these issues as 713 which deals with the Commonwealth issue. We had 144 which deals with the slots issue. We had 127 which deals with neither of those issues. This does not make a bit of sense to me that at this late date in the session we start to push bills into other bills when we have the options to do it in a logical manner. If you've got the votes to pass any of these bills, do it in the bill that's there. They're all there. We have time here to do it. I just don't think that suspending the rules is the proper manner to approach this. It just smacks of something beyond the up front method of dealing with the issues.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner. Do you wish to speak, Senator Hefner? Sorry to interrupt that phone conversation.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I was just taking my orders here, but I oppose this. I think this is poor legislation. We debated these issues separately many times, many times, and here we come at the eleventh hour and want to tie these two bills together, the video lottery bill and the Commonwealth bill. I don't know, I just may make a motion to bracket this until five-o-five and that way we'd go on to something else but I'm not going to do this right at this time. So I would just urge you to vote against suspending the rules and taking this up.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins, do you wish to speak on this motion?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would also like to vote to suspend the rules because we've done it hundreds of times for far less important matters. I wish Senator Chris Beutler were on the floor because I would like to commend him as a Lincoln senator, the only one who really