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SENATOR ERET: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose the suspension of rules as has been called for. I think if you have seen the list of the package of bills that is being talked about, it is a controversial list that could take up the whole of this 60-day Legislature's time, or basically a whole part of it. Most of it that I see is to chip away and taking away small amounts of budget here and there and I fear that we are going to jeopardize the time that we need for the economic...some of the economic proposal bills that have been turned in so that we can actually look towards the increasing of revenue for programs of our state. So I think that this gives too much advantage to one committee over the rest of the Legislature to go ahead and suspend the rules for the introduction of such a large bundle of bills. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Hannibal is next but may I introduce a guest of Senator Jerry Miller. He has a guest from Kearney, Kara Kotsiopoulos, who is a sixth grader, and her father, Mr. Pete Kotsiopoulos, who is a member of the State College Board. Kara, would you please stand so we can see you and recognize you. Thank you, Kara. Senator Hannibal, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I certainly appreciate what Senator Eret is saying to you and I understand his concern. It is important to probably point out at this point, however, that there are those of us within the committee that feel very strongly about the process that we are going through, and that in order for us to prepare a budget, in order for us to come in good conscience to you with our initial recommendations, we have to be fully prepared to initiate those recommendations should that be the wish of the body, and because of that, these bills have been drafted so that we, as a body, can be in a position, if we need to, to enact the budget and all the ramifications. Now it is important to point out that there are those of us on the committee, and there may be others of you on the floor that feel strongly enough about this process that these bills will be introduced regardless of the rule suspension because we have no limitation on bill introductions to individuals, that I have agreed or at least I can tell you that it is my intention to sign all of these bills individually if necessary and I know that there are others that will do the same. The reason, and so Senator