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you to support the suspension of rules. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: I am going to call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting to cease debate if you care to vote. Record, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, would you like to close.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, again in summary, the purpose of the suspension of the rule is to permit all of these programs to be considered by the appropriate Standing Committees. As has been indicated, what we want to do is preserve this as the process because obviously we have to put them in in order to enable the Legislature to even consider them. The point has been made that last time there was not the opportunity for hearings. This does provide that opportunity for Standing Committees to hold those hearings. Without these bills, and one of the reasons that I say we will put them in anyway is that without them then we are limited to only looking for places to reduce the cost of government where a statutory change is not required. Sixty day session, the time restraints of that we felt it was necessary that they should all be put in early. We are recommending their introduction in a sense without prejudice either for or against them as a committee but as a part of the process and we would appreciate the suspension of the rules so they can be introduced under that basis, and again each Standing Committee is going to have those referenced. They will not be referred back to us except maybe one or two that appropriately can but, by and large, they will not.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Warner was closing. The question is the suspension of the rules. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It requires 30 votes. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 2 nays on the motion to suspend the rules, Mr. President.