

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, we've spent, by my computations now, at least four hours on this issue. We've considered about five amendments. We've just had an extremely lopsided vote on a motion to kill. Now, I think we've made up our minds. I think now is the time to make a decision either to advance the bill or not to advance the bill. As I understand it, there are some amendments up, to my rule suspension motion, that would allow the suspension only after an amendment has been considered, and a second amendment to my rule suspension motion that will allow a vote on that only after another amendment has been considered. Now, I don't know what the rules are pertaining to that. I think, I am told that it is proper to attempt to amend a rule suspension motion in that fashion. But I would ask Senator Chambers if, as a matter of courtesy, not just to me but to the body, if he would remove those amendments to the rule suspension motion, present them on Select File if he feels that strongly about them, and give us an opportunity, before lunch, we have two minutes now before noon, to take a vote on this bill and get on with other business. I think yesterday, after we spent virtually the entire morning on this bill, we lost, in effect, four or five other bills as a result of that, bills that are on consent calendar, bills that are perhaps not on consent calendar. We've been on this bill virtually all morning. As a result of that, we've probably lost another four or five bills, good bills, bills that have come out of committee, many of which are on consent calendar. I understand Senator Chambers' objections. I respect his objections. But I think ultimately the will of the body needs to prevail, we need to get on to other business because we have lots and lots of very important issues. So I would ask the adoption of this rule suspension motion, and I'd ask Senator Chambers, as a matter of courtesy, to withdraw any amendments he has to this rule suspension motion so we can get on with our business. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, you have an amendment, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the suspension motion which has been offered by Senator Hoagland. (Chambers amendment appears on page 768 of the Journal.)