

SENATOR PAPPAS: I would ask for the body to vote down the resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right.

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SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, the question is, shall the resolution be voted down, in Senator Pappas's words? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The resolution is not adopted and the resolution fails. We will move on to the motion by Senator Vard Johnson to suspend the rules and allow for a bill introduction. Senator Vard.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would ask your indulgence to suspend the rules and allow for the introduction of a piece of legislation. This piece of legislation that I wish to introduce I would hope would not be terribly controversial. There have been a number of people in this Legislature who have talked about active enforcement of Initiative 300 and, obviously, it is of some difficulty for the Attorney General to enforce Initiative 300 actively as folk would want when the Legislature in 1982 repealed the corporate agricultural and ranch, the agricultural landholding requirements, reporting requirements. So the measure that I would introduce is simply a bill that, if ultimately passed by this Legislature, would put back into the statutes the original reporting requirements of corporations who hold farm and ranchland. Now, this measure is not being done to twit anybody around and it is not being done to take a position on Initiative 300. It is simply being done to assist in the enforcement process of Initiative 300 which members have asked for and which ought to be done. As you also know, the task force on examination of Initiative 300 is meeting, in fact, the first meeting began this morning. It could well be that that task force will recommend this kind of piece of legislation because reporting requirements are important and we ought to at least have the bill here. We ought to have a public hearing on it and then again it is