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to do. I think we should stick with the decision we made a year ago January. I think we should follow the rules, and I think we should vote against this rules suspension. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I intend to vote against the rule suspension. I served as Chairman of the Executive Board in 1983 and 1984. During my tenure as the Chairman of the Executive Board, Senator Marsh served as Vice-Chairperson. Senator Marsh was a good and faithful Vice-Chairperson. Senator Marsh was the person who was responsible for the Capitol construction of the new women's rest room. That was no small undertaking when that was done. Senator Marsh was the person responsible for the oversight of the development of the new personnel rules for legislative staff. That was no small undertaking when that was done. Senator Marsh sat with that Executive Board for two years as that Executive Board very carefully and painstakingly kept intact, under all kinds of assault from the other side of the State Capitol, the Legislature's budget. It is no small undertaking to keep intact the Legislature's budget when it is under fire all of the time, as it was. Senator Marsh brings to this position, for the next 10 months, for the next 10 months, history, tradition, experience. She is a person in whom I can entrust the responsibility of the Executive Board and the Legislature for the next 10 months. To suspend the rules, as Senator Hoagland suggests, is a repudiation of Senator Marsh. She does not deserve the repudiation.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, then Senator Schmit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this discussion is very interesting to me this morning. Before I say what I'm going to do with reference to this particular motion, I have to make a few comments. Senator Hoagland mentioned that there are difficult decisions that must be made when we start to organize the Legislature, and he is glad when those decisions are put behind us in January. There are a lot of difficult decisions that have to be made all the way along the line in this Legislature, so the mere fact that a decision is difficult is no reason not to consider it, nor a reason not