

is offered by Senators Conway and Warner.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. President, and members of the body, I ask your support in this suspension of the rules on LB 1041. What we have discovered is that as the rule states that no bills that might affect revenue can be read before the appropriations bills, and this is a motion really that is nothing more than a better safe than sorry type of motion, that since the fiscal officers have noted that 1041 may have an affect on the General Fund, that in order to be on the safe side that we should probably suspend the rules so that the bill can be read simply because it is a "may" type of conditional basis. So with that, I strongly urge you to support the suspension of the rules so that we can read 1041 today.

PRESIDENT: Senator Harris, do you wish to comment. May we have order in the Chamber, please.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there is probably a very good technical reason to go ahead with this bill, and I think there is a good economic reason to suspend the rules and get this bill read and enacted as soon as possible because of the obvious competition that we are getting from other tracks, and we will be getting more competition from new tracks in the future, and we need to make our industry, which is a viable industry, more competitive than it is right now. So I strongly urge you to suspend the rules and let's get on with it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? If not, the motion is to suspend the rules to allow Final Reading of LB 1041. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 40 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Motion carried. The bill may be...members are to properly be in their seats during the time of Final Reading. LB 1041, members, in your seats, please. Members, please take your seats. The Clerk will proceed.

CLERK: (Read LB 1041 on Final Reading.)