

course of the impeachment process. What it does is it says that impeachment proceedings can be initiated in either a regular session or a special session of the Legislature. It defines what kind of notice has to be given to the poor impeached individual. It eliminates the ten day requirement for trial. Says a trial should be conducted in an expeditious fashion. It changes the burden of proof from beyond a reasonable doubt to clear and convincing. It deals with the manner in which the impeachment trial is to be conducted and that's essentially it. But we do benefit from the experience that we went through two years ago. I would like to have the rule suspended so we can quickly consider LR 12, put it in LR 318 and send this to the voters. I mean, again, we ought to profit by that which we learned and it may not be used for another 100 years, but if it is used, at least it ought to reflect modern thought, that's all.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor raise their hand...do I see five hands? Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I just wanted to ask, there's been no debate on this at all, I just wanted to ask one question of Senator Johnson.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, we're just suspending the rules, then we can talk about it.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Oh, all right.

SPEAKER NICHOL: And it takes 30 votes to suspend the rules. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBLOUD: Mr. President, I don't think we've had any discussion on the suspension of the rules either.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, do you want to discuss the suspension of the rules?