

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I think at least we should find out what we're suspending the rules for. I don't think Senator Johnson really has given a description of what is contained in LR 12 and what changes need to be made in the impeachment proceedings that he felt. I realize...why don't I just take a couple of minutes here and then Senator Johnson can further explain what exactly the LR 12 does do. I know half-heartedly I don't believe, maybe a memo wasn't passed around but there was some discussion about an Attorney General that we presently have that isn't enforcing the laws with Initiative 300 and even though it was made maybe in a jesting way, there is some concern that possibly this could be used again in the foreseeable future, and I think if there is some need for a change in the amendments, that at least Senator Johnson should offer a brief description of what changes need to be made and what is, in fact, contained in LR 12 considering if it isn't a good change, then maybe we shouldn't suspend the rules to enact it. So with that I'll turn over the remainder of my time to Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: And this was an item that was on consent calendar and I do know that Senators Baack, Beutler, Hall, Labedz, Miller, Rupp and Wesely heard the debate and voted this bill out unanimously. What it does is it simply changes some of the proceedings that take place in the event that anybody is ever impeached. That's basically what it does do and if the rules are suspended you can then quickly deal with various items that are contained in LR 12 as amended. There should be on your desk, there should be on your desk a photocopy of the committee statement on LR 12 and you will note, if you read it, what the bill originally contained and then you will note what the committee amendments are and all I am doing is I am going to offer the bill as amended by committee and I think it pretty carefully explains to Senator Abboud as to precisely what is there, and if you have any further questions, I'll be glad to send somebody back with a photocopy of what I have in my hands.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, I turned my light on again. Senator Johnson, why don't you just briefly run through this. I mean, I realize...

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay, I understand.