

SENATOR CONWAY: Would everyone please check in. Please check in. Senator Ashford, would you push your button, please. Senator Robinson, Senator Schmit. All members are accounted for. We'll proceed with a roll call vote.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2167-68 of the Legislative Journal.) 29 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the germaneness rule.

SENATOR CONWAY: The rules are not suspended. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, a priority motion. Senator Hall would move to reconsider the vote just taken to suspend the rules.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Conway, members, I rise to support the motion to reconsider the suspension of the rules. And I do so reluctantly. I was not a wild supporter of the substitute amendment that Senator Landis offered. I selected the income tax proposal that was advanced out of committee as my priority bill, it died on General File with a number of other bills that were senator priorities, ones at least that didn't get amended into other bills. The proposal that was put forward was a compromise in the truest sense of the word. There was a compromise amongst folks who were at different ends of the polls. There was even a compromise in terms of what amendments would go on and what wouldn't. And I...there really wasn't a compromise in that respect, I was told not to offer any amendments, basically. Didn't like that, but I understood it and wanted to debate the issue, and that's just the nature of the game when you want to get to an issue. There are some things you have to do. But I think what folks need to understand is that the income tax proposal is going to be before us next year, and I want everyone to know that, that we are going to address income tax, even had we adopted the Landis proposal as he offered it. It was merely nothing more than a shift in brackets. It was not a base increase at all. It merely did nothing more than what I would call procedural, or what we call all the time in here technical changes to the income tax system. Yes, it made it a little more progressive by adding that fifth bracket. But there was minute changes, and I had examples of what it did in terms of the dollar figures to show you should we have debated the issue itself. What we are