

to be supporting the suspension rule. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Hohenstein, on the motion to suspend the rules. Waives off. Senator Pedersen, on the motion to suspend the rules. Senator Pedersen is out of the Chamber. Senator Byars, on the motion to suspend the rules. Senator Crosby. Senator Horgan, on the motion to suspend the rules.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members, I would rise in support of the motion to suspend the rules. I think, you know, the germaneness issue is one that we debate a little bit differently early in the session than we debate late in the session. I am reminded last year of LB 1001 which is a bill I carried dealing with OPS, Omaha Public Schools retirement, which became a Christmas tree bill that had some judges' retirement in it. It had some choice affiliation topics in it. It had a number of various topics and it tends that, obviously, at this time of the year the germaneness rule is sometimes stretched. But if...if the...if the route to go is to suspend the rules so that this amendment is germane to the bill or is...or at least is allowed to be debated and attached to the bill, I think it makes good sense to do that. This is a retirement bill for State Patrol. Senator Day's bill, 724, is a retirement bill for firefighters. Either way, I think it's...at least is...should be debated and subject to examination by the Legislature. So I would support the motion to suspend the rules. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Landis, on the motion to suspend the rules. Senator Landis waives off. Senator Wesely, on the motion to suspend the rules:

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. And I would rise, Mr. President and members, in opposition to suspending the rules. There are countless additional bills and amendments. We only have the rest of tonight and tomorrow to deal with a number of issues. I'm not sure, in the limited time we have, that it's appropriate to continue to spend a lot of time we have with a base bill, a bill that is not controversial and can move forward. This amendment, I think it complicates the situation and I would ask consideration of that and consideration of the sponsor of the original bill that I'm not sure that this is the appropriate procedure to take to suspend the rules to move forward and take more time on it. So I would consider opposing this and then allowing us to move forward and pass the bill that originally