

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, we'll just delay the inevitable and remember we only have four days. So if you want to try to squelch it here, that's fine with me. We'll just move to another bill and get part of the time done on that tonight and then finish it tomorrow if it's put on the agenda. And there would be time to finish it tomorrow and get a good start on the third one, provided there would be enough votes to go ahead and amend them, do what everybody wants to do with them and advance them on. But then our hours dwindle down to a precious few. I want Senator Ashford to know that my voting against his motion to suspend the rules, it does have to do with this bill. Certainly, I don't want this bill to go, but I don't vote to suspend the rules, unless it's so that a committee can offer a bill after the time for introduction. I won't say that I will never vote to suspend the rules because something could arise that I would agree to do it on. But these amendments I have never supported. I will never support or I have never supported cloture. I mistakenly, one time, voted to cease debate when I thought we were voting on the issue, so that's the one time I voted to cease debate. I never call the question. I never vote for motions to suspend the rules so that there can be no further debate or amending. So I am opposed to this one. I understand Senator Ashford's desire to hold onto what he has gotten by amending this bill, and he feels that the only way he has any chance, any chance at all is to suspend the rules and have no more debate on the bill itself, not consider any of the amendments. If I were Senator Ashford, I would do as he is doing, but if I were in Senator Ashford's place and it were me, I would not do it because I don't make those types of motions. It would be good if the rural senators would try to get some kind of coordination and organization as to what it is they're doing and what they ultimately hope to achieve. Thus far, they've supported Omaha and slapped the stew out of Lincoln. And the only reason Lincoln supported Omaha, Senator Landis, I'm sure John Goc put their strategy together, support Omaha and they will support Lincoln and Lincoln gets theirs. Well, Omaha was kicking Lincoln all...in the rear all session. I heard them. They were complaining, Omaha is blaming us for this, and then something happened and they split and the Lincoln people said, thank God, Omaha is going their own direction and we're going ours, then they came back together again and suckered Lincoln, supported Omaha and then got kicked in the rear end again. What...John Goc, you're better than this, you do a better job than this. But maybe if you were in here