

Legislature, Senator Hall is correct in saying that this does not merit a suspension of the rules. I'm often saying these days that I understand. I'm prefacing remarks with that phraseology. And I really do. When people get frustrated they do various things. When they left here Friday and felt like they had the whole world in their hands, it wasn't really that way at all. It seemed to be that way. We could have been rid of this whole thing. We could have been rid of it but we chose not to do that. Maybe I should have saved my bracket motion until after Lincoln had gotten their vote on the bill, on their motion. And in...if we can talk about fairness in circumstances like this, they were entitled to a vote, but there are other fish to fry and there are bigger issues looming on the horizon. Ask yourself this, if you vote to suspend the rules, what will you achieve? Are there other amendments that should be considered at this stage? Because if they're not considered here, they're going to be considered at the other stage and there may be more and more bills in that status. This is a bill which is a linchpin to the rest of what happens with reference to certain bills. If you suspend the rules, Senator Jones may get his bill slipped on through. If you keep it right here, in the same way that things percolated over the weekend and that which seemed so together and intact has now fallen apart, there may be a way that we can work our way through this. You don't owe the city...the people in the City of Omaha a tax on themselves. That's not owed to Omaha by the Legislature. So a way is going to have to be found to strike that from the bill. And if it looks like there would be a big rules fight as to whether or not a motion to strike the Ashford amendment would be a reconsideration, then that plus something inconsequential could be added to it so that you're not striking only that. And, by so doing, a motion could be made and a vote taken to strike that amendment and that might be the thing to do. We would be out of this dilemma. Of course, if Senator Jones wanted to, he could remove his priority designation. So maybe those who have an interest in these other bills should be talking to Senator Jones, but there I see Senator Jones standing by himself. Senator Jones, this is a strange session. (Laughter.) Ordinarily, the key player is surrounded, you can't even see him or her. Now things are starting to kind of gravitate, as they should. We're getting some of the big hitters...well, I meant some of, I would say, the heavy hitters and then that didn't seem right, so it still didn't work out. But I have a feeling that they're being drawn to the candy box.