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multiple licenses for hospitals, nursing homes and that sort of thing. We've got a conference scheduled between a law firm and the attorney's for the Health Department and our Health Committee, some of the members of the Health Committee. We would like to hold this for a little while until we get that conference over with and find out what we want to do with it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Skarda do you have input. Thank you. Senator Goodrich is asking unanimous consent at this point, then to bracket 513 for one week on Final Reading. Are there objections to bracketing the bill for a week on Final Reading. Hearing none. So ordered. The bill is bracketed. Are there resolutions on the desk?

CLERK: None, Mr. President. We have a motion to Suspend the Rules.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to suspend the rules and adopt Legislative Resolution 111 (Signed) Senator Savage.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Savage for his motion.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. The State of Nebraska, the resolution is in the Journal.

CLERK: On page 473.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The State of Nebraska has initiated a total communications program to serve the travelers on the interstate highways. Included in this program is radio travel signing attractions, attraction guide signs, and scenic driving vacation routes signing such as this here. In May of 1972 the Nebraska Department of Roads received permission from the Federal Highway Administration to undertake this program on an experimental basis. Conditions set forth on the program required that the state would submit a report regarding the effectiveness of this program. And now the Department of Transportation in a letter to Governor Exon by former Governor Nobby Tiemann is taking that privilege away from us and requesting that these signs be taken down by June 1st of this year. Now Nebraska's request is that the FHWA that it reconsider it's position and develop necessary criteria to include this program as directional signing within the right-of-way. It is further requested that all elements of the program, the radio travel information signs, the attractions signs, and the scenic route signs be included on both the interstate and on primary roads. Now it was..a survey has been taken and it shows the economic impact of the program has been significant. Research conducted by the Economic Development is that during the summer of 1972 alone, the attraction signs contributed an additional 3.3 to 3.5 million dollars to Nebraska's economy. And this money was left in the state by non-resident tourists who made unplanned stops due to the attraction signs. Stayed longer and spent more money. So I move that the adoption of this resolution and..

PRESIDENT: Senator Savage, the first motion should be for the suspension of the rules only. And then we will have to adopt the resolution after we suspend the rules.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I move for the suspension of the rules.