

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Have we got a motion? Let's see how long this takes. We are waiting for a report back on some bills that if he could bring them in why it would certainly expedite matters next week if we could take care of this return of a couple of bills from E & R. It would be about 15 minutes or so, isn't that what he said. Well, let's try this. Go ahead.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Venditte moves to suspend the rules and take up LR 152.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think one of the the things, first of all, let me preface my comments by saying that I talked to the opponents of this particular resolution. They have agreed to take off all the amendments, take on, discuss LR 152 with the intention of not adding or discussing any more of the amendments that are pending. In other words, advance the bill without taking up any more amendments. I think the opponents are satisfied with the way the resolution is now and I concur. So that, in essence, would be the motion to advance LR 152 without discussing or adding to any more of the amendments that are pending on it. Mr. President, I don't wish to suspend the rules, if that would be in order, just simply advance the bill.

CLERK: Senator, there are so many amendments. I don't know if we could, you know, there are a lot of amendments.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, I think we have the votes to advance the bill, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Venditte, rather than have you carry on a conversation with the Clerk, what is your motion? Is your motion what you wrote out?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, I wish to then suspend the rules and I think that would take 30 votes with the purpose of sustaining LR 152 to E & R Final.

SENATOR MARVEL: Is that the way the motion reads?

SENATOR VENDITTE: With no further amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR MARVEL: Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion that I have reads to suspend rules and consider LR 152.

SENATOR MARVEL: Is that your motion?

SENATOR VENDITTE: To suspend the rules to advance, yes.

SENATOR MARVEL: That is not what the motion says. Is it advance? Okay. The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler, speaking on the Venditte motion. Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, as one of those who has amendments pending, I do not object to this procedure. This would pass LR 152 to Final Reading with the amendments we have adopted. The resolution as it is is conditional