

PRESIDENT: I think it is not timely, Senator. Should have been investigated at the time it was offered. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. There has been debate on either side. I see five hands. The question is shall the debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on the motion to cease debate. Please record your vote. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Senator Johnson, you may close.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, very rarely do I file motions to suspend rules to permit us to vote on something without any further debate or further amendment. I do it only after I know, number one, that the issue itself has been debated ad nauseum. This issue on video lottery has been debated, redebated, discussed, rediscussed, argued, reargued. Now in the last analysis one of our primary functions as legislators is to cast votes. We cast votes. There are currently five amendments pending on LB 127. They have been written by Senator Hefner, Senator Lamb and by Senator Hoagland, and who knows how many additional amendments will be prepared. According to the Speaker we will be on LB 127 until we finish with it, and then we go back to LB 713. Now my opinion is this Legislature will have done a disservice to the citizens of our state and to the Commonwealth depositors and to our government if we fail tonight to deal with LB 713. We need to deal with it up or down. I'm going to offer an amendment to it. We need to deal with LB 713. If we fail to deal with it that cancer will be with us one additional year, and with the depositors one additional year. We cannot adjourn until we have dealt with it. We cannot...we have to deal with this bill first and then go to 713. So I say let's do what we are called upon to do, which is to cast votes. The only way I can get to an honest vote on LB 127 is to suspend the rules and then allow us to vote as to whether or not LB 127 is to be advanced. If you don't want to vote for 127 after the rules are suspended,