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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I just want to make sure that you understand what your vote is going to do, it's going to perpetuate that.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I want to rise again. I am grateful for this opportunity. I believe it has been relevant, I hope you do, too. I intend to support the motion to suspend the rules. I intend to vote for LB 149. I want to be a part of accommodating the purposes and the objectives that are accommodated and achieved in LB 149. But I stand by earlier thoughts. We're going to have another need to visit this issue, probably, following a gubernatorial veto. And I hope that we can get on with some of the other business. And there has been excellent comment here, and I stress as I did...I stressed before and I'll stress again, my comments weren't meant to be personal. But I want to urge one thing. I am not informed by decisions. Decisions do not teach and instruct me. I am informed by discussion and the exchange of ideas and by debate. You can tell me no, you can tell me yes, it doesn't help me understand. But if I can hear you describe, if I can hear you discuss, if I can hear you defend, if I can hear you propose, I can learn. And I believe the one thing we neglect in the process with our electorate at large is understanding. And some things that we are...that I've been a part of doing in the Judiciary Committee, for advance...for instance, will be an opportunity for a much larger consideration--learning, hearing, understanding, thinking process for all of our people. And so I still continue to urge the accommodation that allows the discussion and the exchange of ideas that is informative and necessary to understanding. Again, I'm going to vote for the motion and the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Further discussion on the motion to suspend the rules? Senator Tyson, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise in support of the motion to suspend the rules on LB 149, which I think has been termed, at least by me, the Band-Aid