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Thank you. Senator Brown, Senator Hartnett, Senator Connealy, Senator Bourne, thank you. Senator Beutler, would you check in, please, and Senator Preister and Senator Connealy. All present or accounted for. Senator McDonald, what... Senator McDonald has asked for a roll call vote on ceasing debate. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 1743-1744.) 32 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Senator McDonald, you're recognized to close on your motion to suspend the rules.

SENATOR McDONALD: Yes, I asked to suspend the rules to add my amendment, see what page I'm on here, of AM3396. The bill basically was brought in by the...to the Transportation Committee and it came out with no opposition. And it was a Speaker's priority bill, but because of several amendments that bogged it down it wasn't able to get to the floor, and this is the last chance that we have to get it to the floor. There's about six projects left. Its funding is available, but we can't get to the money to help rural communities expand and work on their short line railroads because of the collateral requirement. And it's very important that this passes this year because there are projects waiting to happen. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. You've heard the motion to suspend the rule on the germaneness rule.

SENATOR BOURNE: Roll call vote, regular order, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question before the house is germaneness rule. There's been a motion for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1744.) 28 ayes, 13 nays on the motion to suspend the germaneness rule, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to suspend the rules was not