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PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I oppose the suspension of the rules. I think it is bad precedent. I think Senator Wesely indicated and I talked to many senators on the floor this morning that after the debate have now suddenly a change of opinion and sentiment on this particular piece of legislation. I think a lot of them now fully realize for the first time the impact and the fact that we are eroding the state tax base. I think with that thought and that concept entrenched there is going to be some new ideas on this particular piece of legislation. Senator Wesely has an amendment on this bill now that addresses that very specific point. Sometimes I think that it is not how much legislation we pass and how fast we pass that legislation, but sometimes I think we do a good job by what we do not pass and what we debate thoroughly. Time and time again we have got ourselves involved where we have put things together rapidly and hurriedly and then have to come back the succeeding year to correct what we did the previous year and I am just as responsible and guilty as anyone, because I know the time frame, the severe time limitations we must operate under. But the solution to that problem is not expediency, and suspending the rules is an expedient matter that results in haphazard type efforts. So I think we have not talked about this this long this morning. I do not think that there has been a lot of frivolous motions on this particular bill. I think all these motions have been sincere. I do not believe there has been a deliberate attempt to filibuster or just to logjam this particular bill. I oppose strongly suspending the rules in this particular case. I think all these ideas need to be aired. It is our responsibility to the people of the State of Nebraska to totally completely air all ideas and all concepts. So, please, please, regardless of what you think on the bill, please vote against suspension of the rules for the sake of expediency.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the body, the other day our Speaker lamented to me that we had bogged down on so many of the holdover bills, this of course being another one of the carry-overs, and I commiserated with him, but I noted that so many of the bills on which we had bogged down were measures that were quite controversial, measures that had a dramatic effect on the lives of Nebraskans and measures that, frankly, warranted lengthy,