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Fowler. Thou hast forgotten the history of this bill that you said just went through just as normal as ever. We suspended the doggone rules. I remember. I wrote the motion and got it off of Select that way or off of General one day that way. That is how you got the doggone thing, and then when it failed on Final, when it failed on Final, I joined with you and over the noon hour while the City of Omaha and others were munching, we were crunching. We put together votes to reconsider and we blitz it before they even knew it had happened. Let's not kid ourselves. Let's not kid ourselves. Major controversial issues are very frequently in this body, very frequently, involved in strategic moves at strategic times and, Senator Chambers, there is no one participated more than I with you in strategic moves to get your district election bill for school districts. I remind you we used to gut my bicycle path bill about every Friday when the Omaha Senators had gone home and we put your school district election bill in it. I know that was the law that passed ultimately, my bicycle path bill law was the district election in Omaha. So don't kid me. All I am saying ultimately, ultimately, is one bottom line. Whether it is Johnny DeCamp or Nelson Merz, Larry Stoney, Carol Pirsch, anybody in this body, if you have got a legitimate major issue that effects a lot of people, half a million or more in this case, that Senator ought to have their shot at having a vote up or down on the issue and that is all Bernice Labeledz is asking. That is all she is suggesting you give her, a vote, a vote on whether there should be a vote in Omaha on the district election law. Your vote to suspend the rules should you choose to do it now is merely reaffirming that you believe she should have a right to have her proposal voted on. Suspending the rules doesn't mean you necessarily support the Omaha bill she is proposing or anything else. It just means, Bernice, we are going to give you your one shot to have a vote on the issue. I urge you to do it. I urge you to suspend the rules.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is to suspend the rules. Senator DeCamp was closing. All those in favor of a suspension of the rules vote aye, opposed vote no.

SENATOR DeCAMP: How many are excused, Mr. President?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Four excused.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Who would they be?