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are in line to speak to the motion if the amendment does not carry, and I will add you to the motion at this point. So the first one to come on after that was Senator Hefner and then Senator Lamb and Senator Kahle, in that order. Go ahead.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I understand now we are talking to the suspension of the rules. Is this right, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: Yes, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: This is correct that we are talking about suspending the rules so we can take....(interruption).

PRESIDENT: In order for this amendment to pass you would have to have a suspension of the rules which will require 30 votes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, Mr. President and members of the body, I oppose the suspension of the rules for this purpose. I believe that this issue should go to a standing committee. I think it should go to the standing committee of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. This was the decision of the Executive Board or the Reference Committee, whatever we want to call them, and I think it should stay there. The reason I think it should stay there is because I feel that our committee is capable of handling this issue and coming out with a fair and just bill in the redistricting process, and therefore, I would oppose this body....or I would urge this body to oppose suspending the rules at this time.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, originally there was talk or we were thinking that this could be held in the Executive Board and that would be a very logical place to keep the redistricting because all these people on the Executive Board have either been elected at large or have been elected directly by a caucus committee, a caucus group. So there was a lot of logic in doing that. However, the Executive Board is in the same position as the Committee on Committees. Under the rules it cannot hold hearings on a bill, and so it was the decision that we should not try to suspend the rules and hold these bills in the Executive Board. It would be better to send it on to a standing committee, so if we were going to suspend the rules, I would suggest we should send the bills to the Executive Board rather than the Committee on Committees and so I oppose the