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whole question and problem in authorizing statutory authority. Now we have had conversations with the Department...with the State Patrol. Colonel Kohmetscher has been well aware of this and the bill is written in such a way as to allow for the State Patrol to write rules and regulations in regards to this so that we can, in fact, meet various problems and difficulties and questions that have arisen when we have been discussing this whole problem and trying to find solutions. It simply said we had a couple of choices and the choices were very difficult. We could either amend the bill or we could introduce a new bill. We felt that this issue ought to have a public hearing. It ought to be looked at.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I am sorry but everybody deserves their share of attention and I think we owe it to Senator Newell to let him complete what...complete the discussion of the motion. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: So we decided to, in fact, introduce a bill because we felt that this issue was not one in which we should just tack an amendment and move it through the process, that, in fact, it deserves a public hearing. The State Patrol needs to come forward and explain what difficulties they will have and what sort of rules and regulations they might propose to deal with the whole issue of closing highways during inclement weather. These are the reasons we felt that it would be much more reasonable to come with a legislative proposal than just to amend something. And the other factor is that this bill, winter as we all know is one of those things that does not wait for the session to come in and come out, the winter will be here next year, if this bill is put off until next year and that is why we asked to do it this year. Thank you very much and thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the help in getting the attention.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to suspend the rules for the introduction of a bill. Senator Beyer, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise in support of this of Senator Newell. I think it is very important that we have a hearing on this so there can be input. Senator Vickers had a question yesterday and it was a well thought out question and I think it is things that need to be addressed in a public hearing and also would be addressed in the particular rules that the Patrol would then have an input into in addressing at the time. So I urge your support of this motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kilgarin.