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Nebraska. Thank you very much, Mr. President. Mr. President, I would like to yield the rest of my time to Chris Beutler.

SENATOR CLARK: All right. Do you have a point of order?

SENATOR STONEY: I would have a question.

SENATOR CLARK: All right.

SENATOR STONEY: It is my understanding that the issue we are debating now is the suspension of the rules.

SENATOR CLARK: The suspension of the rules, the ones...the substituted motion.

SENATOR STONEY: Those specific rules that were stated earlier. It seems to me that the last two speakers did not address those rules but addressed an issue that might be considered subsequently. So I would recommend or ask for a ruling that any speeches made from this point on dealing with these rules address specifically the rules and not the subject that may be considered subsequently. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you, Senator Stoney. I would hope that would be true. It is awfully hard to keep them on the subject themselves. Before I do call on Senator Beutler, I would like to introduce Doug and Mary Marvel over here from Michigan, and Mrs. Marvel, I think most of you know. He happens to be the son of our speaker. Welcome to the Legislature. And he is about three inches taller. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think as a practical matter it is impossible to divide the question of suspending the rules from the substance of the matter because the question must always be for what are we suspending the rules. But the point I want to address specifically is the constitutionality problem. Senator DeCamp has gotten up and said to you there is no problem. A hundred court cases say there is no problem. The AG says there is no problem. I tell you there is a problem and I want to read to you from the case of Nebraskans for Independent Banking versus the Omaha National Bank and I hope you will listen to this example because it is right on point. This was a banking bill in 1976. Many of you may remember it, LB 763, and it was introduced in January. Then on March 1, 1976, the bill was gutted entirely. The banking bill was entirely gutted on March 1, 1976. You