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PRESIDENT: And as I understand it, Senator Koch, you would take them up individually as you had indicated previously.

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, we will, Mr. President, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Okay. All right. All right, the motion then is on the motion to suspend. Senator Wesely, did you wish to speak to that? All right, Senator DeCamp, your light has been on and I didn't get to you.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am going to vote to suspend the rules because I think the issues are important. But it occurs to me that yesterday afternoon Senator Koch and a number of others were opposed to any program or system to try to get everybody a fair shot in here, to make sure Marge Higgins got her fair shot, to make sure Bernice Labeledz got her fair shot, George Fenger, and so on and so forth. Let the system just go like it is, except now we want to suspend the rules for one particular member because there is an opportunity. Well, as I say, I think the issue is important, but a lot of issues are important, and if we are going to treat people, whether they are Ernie Chambers or Marge Higgins, or whoever, let's treat them all kind of approximately the same. As I understand it, you have also decided something else here that you better get clear in your minds. You have now reverted back to the standard of germaneness. The standard now is chapter as it was all session until Ernie Chambers last night when we changed it for him. Now we have reverted back again because that ruling was upheld by the Chair just now. So I think you just keep miring in deeper until you finally get some organization to handle a whole bunch of these issues that are laying out there. You are taking two or three bills for one member, suspending them, and not for a member but for groups, people out in the state, and going to suspend the rules and put them into a bill which is in essence gutting the bill and putting whole different things in, and you have no provisions to do it for everybody else. So I guess, I think it is a poor way to run a circus.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: The question.

PRESIDENT: All right, the motion is, shall debate cease? Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

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