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suspend the rules on this, studded snow tires might come up on another thing, something else may show up on another thing, suddenly we will be suspending lots of rules unless we decide in this body what the standard is, and it is nice to extend the courtesy but certainly all of us have bills that we would like to move ahead and that courtesy could get to be burdensome today. So I think that we ought to ask, is there an emergency right now? Are there dangerous or subversive petitions being circulated between now and the next election or is in fact this something that could wait until the next legislative session? And so I would hope that Senator Hefner in making his case would try and establish, I know he never could match the performance of Senator Johnson last night, that certainly could get an Academy Award for best dramatic interpretation of a crisis, but I think that Senator Hefner certainly should try and indicate not just that this bill won't come up but also that it is absolutely imperative to the State of Nebraska that it does come up this session and that it could not wait until the next cycle of elections and be acted on the next legislative session. So I would ask that Senator Hefner provide that argument.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fowler, anyone has the right to ask for suspension of the rules. Is there anyone else that wants to talk on suspension of the rule? Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Simply to say that this is a bill that is on priority and it happens to be behind some of the others. Those of us who have bills ahead of his bill are not very happy with the time being eaten up asking to do this. I am one who cannot vote for it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely, did you want to talk on the suspension of the rules?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think Senator Fowler stated it very well that this did come up before in the form of LB 647 and we had quite a discussion. The discussion was what is the need, where is the documentation of a problem that would call for the changes, and I think that the reason that the bill didn't come up and get advanced at that time is we weren't sure that it was all that important and that the problem was all that serious. Then here today we have this effort to try and suspend the rules and bring it up and I think maybe there is some good concepts embodied but there wasn't much support for it as I recall in the discussion we had last time. So again, I think Senator Fowler was right, and if you are going to suspend the rules, let's only do