

Senator Schmit has been working hard on preparing these amendments. They are voluminous but I did not even see so much of a summary of them until just a couple of minutes ago. I went into the rotunda and I asked Roger Keetle who works for the Hospital Association what he thought of Senator Schmit's amendments and he said that he hadn't seen them either and he didn't even have access to a summary of them until just a second ago. So it is really difficult for anyone affected by these amendments and they are substantive to be able to take a position so I think it is wise of us to suspend the rules at this point in time. Let me tell you a couple things that we will have to discuss and we will be forced to discuss in great detail if we do not cease debate at this time and consider LB 378. We will be forced to discuss insurance law which Senator Schmit is amending. We will be forced to discuss open meeting statutes. We will be forced to discuss information on reporting systems and it appears that we already have a bill on reporting systems that will probably be passed in this session of the Legislature. So we will be forced to discuss a whole range of issues which have very little if anything to do with certificate of need if we do not cease debate now and consider the merits of LB 378 and I will just tell you...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR CULLAN: ...that if we do not suspend the rules now and vote on LB 378, even though I want to get to other issues of the session, I will not allow the Legislature to vote on these substantive types of amendments without at least discussing them seriously. So what you are going to do if you cast a red vote now is you are effectively going to forestall any of the Select File that is going to be considered today and you're going to forestall consideration of LB 816 because we cannot consider these types of amendments without serious, intelligent discussion. So I urge you, I urge you very seriously to suspend the rules and to let us vote now on LB 378 in the form that it is in today.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is suspension of Rules 6 and 7 so that immediate vote may be taken on LB 378, Senator Cullan's motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It requires 30 votes. Have you all voted? I remind you, you are on Final Reading so there isn't anything... Senator Cullan, what do you wish to do? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 19 nays on Senator Cullan's motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Read the next motion.