

because I know there is many motions. So I move to suspend the rules and hopefully we'll get 30 votes.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the suspension of the rules to insert her amendment. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I really hope that you will listen on this motion and I really hope that we'll have a debate on this before we send it back because if there is any bill that is potentially destructive to the State of Nebraska, to the highways of the State of Nebraska. There is no bill that is coming before you this year that has a higher price tag than this one. And it is a bill that is deserving of a great deal of debate, of a great deal of thought and you should be very, very careful before you reinstate studded snow tires. Let me remind you that this bill did not get out of Public Works in the first instance, that the Public Works Committee sat through hearings, sat through Senator Labeledz's expert who came in, sat through the Department of Roads testimony and when all was said and done the majority of the Public Works Committee felt that the cost of studded snow tires and the negative safety effect of studded snow tires require that the bill be kept in committee. This bill was raised out of committee onto General File with little or almost no debate on the substance of the matter and now it is being attached to a bill on Final Reading. So what is happening is that perhaps the most important bill of this session did not get out of Public Works, had almost no debate on General File, in fact it had no debate on the substance of the bill. The only debate was on the motion to raise from committee which was an abbreviated debate and which had no debate on the substance and now if we adopt this today, there will be no opportunity to amend it because tomorrow an amendment kills the bill. So there will be no opportunity to amend tomorrow. So I hope at the very least we have a long and worthwhile debate and if necessary, amend this bill several times, hopefully put it off until next year. Let me tell you an amendment that I am willing to offer which I think is a reasonable compromise to this whole situation and that is an amendment to extend the cutoff date on studded snow tires from this year until next year. That will have the effect of giving Senator Labeledz a victory in the sense that the ban will not take effect this year. She can come in next year with a new bill. We can argue it on all three stages of debate and refine it and believe me, the bill is in need of great refinement in terms of the time period, in terms of who is paying for the studded snow tires to the cost to the highways, the damage to the highways, in terms of the type of snow tires that can be used, the type of studs that can be