

CLERK: Mr. President I now have an amendment from Senator Landis to suspend Rule 6, Section 5 and Rule 7, Section 3, and vote on the advancement of LB 1 without further amendment or debate.

SENATOR LAMB: Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you Mr. Speaker. There are five amendments following this one and it seems to me clear from the pattern that is emerging the body has essentially decided that the package brought to us by the Appropriations Committee along with the workings and assistance of a number of other senators is the package that we want to send on the Final Reading. I would suggest we eliminate the rest of what looks to be useless discussion and move this bill to Final Reading. With that I would move the suspension of the Rules and the advancement of LB 1 to E & R Engrossing without further amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: The chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this vote is one which I think people will make based on how they feel at this point, not based on any argument that anybody might give. So I'm not even going to address that issue to persuade you one way or the other. I can't vote for it but that is not to say that others should not vote for it. I will not vote for the bill itself. So now you know where I am sitting. No matter how much discussion we have, there are provisions that I would like to change by amendment but I have sense enough to see the writing on the wall. I won't waste time offering amendments that I know are doomed to failure anyway. But because I can not agree to certain propositions in the bill as it stands now, I will not vote for its advancement, but I'm not going to hinder those of you who are attempting, I won't hinder you through a lot of discussion, that is, who are attempting to expedite or whatever you are trying to do by what Senator Landis is offering here, I will not support it.

SENATOR LAMB: Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature I guess I am not as anxious as Senator Landis is not to hear the useless discussion that may or may not come out if we give some people with some ideas to present them to the body. I have heard that there are a couple of suggestions around that may have some merit, and I think that perhaps we should give those discussions the opportunity to be raised. One discussion I heard relates to...amendment relates to employee salaries and perhaps there will want to be a little debate about the merit of increase employee salaries or not. So, I think it is a little premature of us at this point in time to suspend the rules and move on. Perhaps there are other approaches that some of us would find appealing and we ought not rush off and suspend the rules at this point and time. That can come at a later time if necessary.