

shift a portion of the property tax to some other tax, and that cannot be done until and unless there is general public acceptance. I am not even going to touch on the other issues, distribution of funds, or caps, and a dozen things that we know that are in there. I want to see property tax relief. I don't want to hold out empty promises, and I don't think anybody else here wants to do that either, and I think the thing to do is to keep this dialogue going all through the session, so that as a result of broad discussions of what really is necessary, we can develop the kind of public acceptance and support to be successful, and not subsequently be facing a referendum.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to take just a moment to introduce a very special guest of Senator Roger Wehrbein, under the south balcony, Mr. Nisar Hussain, Director of Educational Television, Pakistan Corporation, from Islamabad, Pakistan. Welcome. Welcome, sir, we are pleased to have you as our guest today. Further discussion on the suspension of the rule, Senator Abboud. Senator Abboud moves the previous question. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate close? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers, would you care to make a closing statement. I am sorry, it is Senator Withem's motion. I beg your pardon. Senator Withem, the floor is yours.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, procedurally, I would like to kind of make an understanding here. Some people have read this rule and they question whether this rule absolutely has to be suspended, or whether it doesn't. I think that is kind of immaterial. I think we ought to treat this particular motion right now on this particular rule suspension, frankly, I don't even remember which one it is, as part of the whole package. If we are going to suspend the rules and place this bill on General File, we need to vote yes on this particular motion. Just so to clarify that, Senator Hannibal and I had had a discussion earlier, and I would suggest if you are supportive of the concept of placing this bill on General File to alter the order in which it comes up, you ought to vote yes on this particular motion at this time and not get into any arguments as to whether it is absolutely necessary or not absolutely necessary. The only point I want to make in my