

SENATOR HANNIBAL: As the introducer, he doesn't have the first shot?

SPEAKER BARRETT: I'm sorry, Senator Rogers, of course. Thank you, Senator. No, this is not a motion to indefinitely postpone, I'm sorry. You're next, Senator Hannibal, then Senator Rogers.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Shall I just yield to you, Carson, and then you yield back? No. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I do rise to oppose the suspension rule. Senator Wesely has taken, in my estimation, the proper track as opposed to going the germaneness route which was unsuccessful. He has asked to suspend the rule so that this amendment could be attached and it is important to understand that the suspension rule does require 30 votes and the suspension rule by itself does not attach the amendment to the bill. There will be debate on the bill as well if the rules are suspended. But, typically, in these kinds of conversations the arguments for and against the issue at hand are made during the suspension argument. So I am going to take this opportunity to very briefly tell you that I am opposed to what Senator Wesely's amendment says and I am not opposed to what Senator Wesely wants to accomplish. Senator Wesely has told you, not only today but three or four times since we have been in session on this same issue, what he hopes to accomplish. My contention is simple. He will not accomplish what his goal is by this amendment. He is hoping that we could have some accurate information as to whether or not LB 775, and as a matter of fact I believe now 270, would be able to put down accurate information, tell us whether they are, in fact, cost effective. And the way you measure cost effectiveness is how much it's costing the taxpayers in the form of giving up tax revenues versus how many new jobs or how much trickle down or how much multiplier effect in the creation of jobs and the whole thing will go toward stimulating the economy, but basically, jobs and the multiplier of those jobs onto other jobs. And he is suggesting that if we had information as to the applicants and what their tax benefits are that we would be able to make that comparison. And I would submit to you that we would not be able to do that. Now I applaud Senator Wesely's goal, I am just concerned that we would rely upon this and it wouldn't do anything for us. Why wouldn't it do anything for us? Simple. Because there is no way that we can make the decision as to whether these companies' applications would or would not have happened regardless of 775. Just as importantly, and I think