

SENATOR COORDSEN: The point, Mr. President, that I wanted to make this morning was to challenge the germaneness of this motion, because of the total difference in context with the bill that we're considering.

PRESIDENT: Your remark is timely at this moment to discuss the germaneness issue. Senator Hall, would you wish to comment on that?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would move then, I guess, at this point to suspend the rules and deal with the issue one...at the same time, I guess, so, if there is no question with regard to the germaneness argument.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Coordsen, in looking at this, it looks like it's clearly not germane, however, the motion is to suspend the rules, so we'll go ahead with the suspension. And Senator Hall will be knowledgeable that I would rule that it would not be germane. But we can still proceed with the suspension of the rules. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Again, I just urge the body to suspend the rules, which will take 30 votes, so that the amendment can be addressed. It is, as the Chair has ruled, not germane to the bill. But it is in the same subject area, it's in the same section. It is not totally ungermane, I guess, to the issue. But in order to address this benefit increase, to have it take effect next year, I think it is only appropriate that we use LB 414 as a vehicle by which to do that. I would urge your support in suspension of the rules. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Now we're still on the suspension of the rules. Senator Coordsen, on the suspension of the rules.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The amendment that Senator Hall is asking for the suspension of rules in order to attach to 414 is basically the proposed committee amendments to 315, which is a bill that was introduced by Senator Lindsay to increase the amount of unemployment in the State of Nebraska. As Chairman of Business and Labor, I did make an effort this year to follow a procedure that happened two years ago that I thought was quite well founded in that when Senator Hall was chairing the committee he