

rules because this system doesn't always work. This bill, this unemployment bill was held up in committee because of another bill, a bill that I consider very onerous and unneeded, it has been proven in the courts now that it isn't needed, it was a bill to further restrict the qualifications of workers drawing unemployment. It has been proven, in the courts, that this bill that was brought to the Legislature, because of a one-time circumstance, something that happened one time and has since been proven to be not needed, because of that bill the unemployment bill was held up in committee. So I submit to you that this system doesn't always work. When we have an issue, such as this, that is very much needed and a token gesture towards the people that really need it, and there are more people that need it all the time because business is moving toward seasonal and cycle work periods and these people need this unemployment to get by. They are not loafers, they are not a bunch of lazy people sitting out there, they are wanting to work, but there are just no jobs available for them right now and they are waiting to go back to work, and they'll go wherever they have to go to find work. This is a bridge to get them over those cycles when they really need that help. Again, I would stress it's not luxuries we're buying, we're talking bread, milk and clothing for the kids. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, please, followed by Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR ABOUD: Question.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Hall, would you like to close on your motion to suspend?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, very briefly. The issue here is a motion to suspend the rules. It takes 30 votes and I need your help to do that. The issue of the priority bill system has been raised in the past with regard to whether or not we should suspend the rules, and do we want to try to circumvent that process. This, I can guarantee you, will not be the last time that the suspension of the rules, with regard to the