

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is a motion to place the four bills just introduced on General File. As I recall, the Speaker had indicated discussion of appropriation bills tentatively, at least, or likely as to begin...commence next Wednesday, and this, obviously, allows them to go to a hearing. Obviously, all the contents in these bills essentially have had public hearings.

PRESIDENT: The question is the suspension of the rules and put the appropriation bills directly onto General File instead of going to a committee. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It requires 30 votes. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the suspension of the rules and the placement of the bills directly on General File.

PRESIDENT: The rules are suspended and the appropriation bills are placed on General File. We will move on to LB 289, please, special order.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 289 is on General File. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to the Natural Resources Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Natural Resources Committee. Senator, I also...Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator Schmit's amendment, Mr. President, is AM1341 and you will find it printed separately in your bill books.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, do you wish to take up the amendment to the committee amendment first?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, the amendment to the committee amendment strikes Section 27 of the bill. The bill has had a lot of work on it, needs some more work, and we just decided that Section 27 was too complicated for us to address. We're going to strip that section from the bill, and I move the adoption of that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Coordsen, do you wish to speak about the amendment to the committee amendments, please?

SENATOR COORDSEN: I will pass on this.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Elmer, do you wish to speak about the