

with fiscal impact to be held up prior to the...until the passage of the budget. Budget has not passed as of yet. LB 84 is I guess like a horse, the entire horse, that is on...little late there, Scotty, but you got it. It is...it's on the race track and the horse has got the jockey on it and the horse is up to the finish line but it hasn't got the nose over yet and the horse has been shot at, it's been...had a leg broken a few times and there's been some attempts by other horses to run it off the track. But the fact of the matter is, it's not going to be stopped, and even if it does die in the process it's going to fall over it, it appears, that finish line. Suspension of the rules motion says that this is something that we want to do and we want to do it today. LB 84 has had a number of hours of debate. It's had a number of hours of work on it. There has been, I think, good, honest, open debate on the issue of addressing the over-reliance on property taxes. The final solution that LB 84 offers is not perfect. It's not something that each of us cannot find some fault with. I think the four introducers, co-sponsors of the bill, find fault with it if we look at it through our own eyes. But collectively we look at it, I think, as a body and say that it serves our purpose and it serves our purpose in, again, starting down that road toward reducing the over-reliance on property taxes. It is a big piece of the pie, \$98 million, roughly \$100 million, but it is I think the first piece of the pie and you have to start eating at some point in time. The suspension of the rule motion says we firmly believe that this is something we want to do and we want to do it as our highest, our first, and our foremost priority. I would urge that the body suspend the rules so that the bill can be read tonight. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. I did not remove the lights when this motion was filed. Let me go through them quickly. Senator Abboud, would you like to talk?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. President. It's getting down to the end. We only have a couple more days, a few more days left in the session. I feel it's time that we start passing some of the appropriations bills so we get a clear parameter as to how much we are going to spend and how much we are not going to spend. This provides us with an opportunity to give us clear guidelines in the following days when we're looking at our mainline budget bill, as well as with the veto's that will be coming down in future days or the last day of the session. It's a bill that's been thoroughly discussed. I think it's a bill that needs to be