

Legislature. That's the only thing I think that they can take pride in. Sometimes people are given things that punish them. This is going to be stretching a point, but the first mortal woman given to the earth by Zeus was Pandora, and Zeus gave Pandora to mankind as a punishment. The mortal woman was given by the god Zeus to this earth as a punishment to humankind, because Prometheus stole fire. And she was given a box and some people say that the box was full of the world's troubles, but others say that the box was full of all of the benefits and blessings that could come on humankind. And when the box was open, under the first version, all of the troubles were released on the world by Pandora. The other version is that all of the blessings that could have been bestowed on humankind escaped with the exception of hope, and I would rather take the second version because we know of the calamities that are released on the world through the activities of this Legislature.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the idea of hope keeps alive the notion that things, no matter how bad they are or seem to be, can be made better, can be made less onerous. There is the possibility that people will open their eyes and acknowledge what is before their eyes and will do that which is right, and in this instance not only is it not right to suspend the rules, it's not right to pass this bill. This is not a righteous act. I'm opposed to the rules having been suspended and I hope that enough of you will think twice on what has been done and join me in reconsidering that vote and not allow the rules to be suspended so that this bill will be read today.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion on the Chambers motion to reconsider the rule suspension, Senator Abboud, followed by Senators Wesely, Hall and Schmit.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, my comments are going to be dealing directly with the suspension issue. If you look in Section 85 of our bill book, it, in addition to some other language on the last couple sentences, it provides that the appropriations bills shall be passed by the 80th day of a 90-day session. To me, that states that we're not rushing into anything when we start passing bills with an appropriation on the 85th day of the session. I don't think that we're rushing into this decision. If anything, in the years that I've been here we've talked about it quite a bit each year and there's