

overcome was the second situation in which a holding company wants to buy a bank. That bank is now the branch of another bank outside the holding company. The branch was at one time a stand alone facility with its own charter. It has been merged into the second bank's operation and the second bank is willing to sell the branch to the holding company. Because of our existing definitions, they can't unless we adopt this language. The winner in this case is American National. We cannot identify a loser. The gains that are made are administrative ease in amendment portion one and in the maintenance of an existing rural facility in number two. The IBA, the Independent Bankers Association, very gracefully allowed the American National Corporation to make a special presentation to its board of directors with the Banking Committee representative present to explain their purpose and rationale. Upon hearing and cross-examining the American National representative, the IBA changed its position and removed its objection to the language. Mr. Speaker, I should say, however, that under any fair definition of the germaneness rule, Senator Ashford should probably offer a rule suspension to attach this motion. It's not, I think, directly germane to the mortgage banker's law without a rule suspension, and if he won't offer that, I certainly will. I urge the adoption of the amendment, but I do think it's necessary to suspend the rules in this case.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Landis. Any discussion on the motion to suspend the rules? If not...Senator Ashford, did you...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, I believe Senator Landis is in the process of filing a motion to suspend the rules and it would be most appropriate I guess, that we do that now.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes, and he just made the motion, so...and there's no other lights on to discuss it, so we'll proceed to a vote. Shall the rules be suspended? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

SENATOR LANDIS: It may have slipped the body's attention or memory, this being a calm and torpid day, that it requires 30 votes on a rules suspension of this nature, and as we sit here, I am loathe to have a call of the house. It's my preference not to call the house. If I didn't have to call the house, that would be the best thing I could think of.