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PRESIDENT: Just a moment, Senator Hall. (Gavel.) Could we please have your attention. Senator Hall has something to say to you.

SENATOR HALL: Highly unusual, but...Mr. President, members, LB 240 was a bill that was passed last year. The contents of LB 240 was amended into another bill that dealt with handicapped parking permits. It was a bill, I think, that Senator Wesely carried. So the contents of the bill was passed last year. LB 240 is a bill that's sitting on Select File. And I have an amendment that would gut the bill and place another bill into LB 240. So I have a motion to suspend the germaneness rule and offer the amendment. The amendment would be the bill that was before the Transportation Committee, LB 129, which deals with the issue of a statewide dual party relay system for the hearing and speech impaired. It is a very important issue. It's a very important issue, not only in Nebraska but nationwide. And I would ask the body's support in suspending the rules so that this bill could basically be discussed at this time and be presented to the full Legislature in the form of LB 240. Now, clearly this is the first time it's happened in the session. There are those who may not want to support this measure clearly on the basis of the parliamentary procedure. The fact that LB 129 had no opponents, was given, I think, a very thorough hearing in Transportation by Senator Lamb and the committee, had much support, and I think is very much needed and very timely. Currently, before both the Senate and the House in Washington there are proposals to mandate these relay systems. And that mandate will be done by individual telephone companies unless the state has already put this system into place on a statewide basis.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, may I interrupt? Could we please have your attention. There is a lot of noise. And for those who wish to listen, please let's hold it down. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. The issue is one of doing it in a very timely manner, doing it in a very efficient manner by putting the relay system into place across the state. Instead of having the hodgepodge, mismatched operation where each individual telephone company would be required, by federal mandate, to have this relay system, if we are to pass the contents of 129, have it in place prior to the federal