

legislation that will go into effect, it's been passed out of both houses of Congress, we will have a system that is very much on-line, very efficient, very cost-effective to the people who are out there trying to use it. LB 129 has a number of supporters who are here today, out in the Rotunda, folks from both the Public Service Commission and the Commission for the Hearing Impaired who would be, I think, very happy to see your support for this measure. It's unfortunate that 129 will not be able to probably work its way through the system. If we do not suspend the rules, we won't very likely, unless the Speaker should special order it, be able to get to this issue yet this year and have the system on-line in time to add the statewide system in place prior to passage of the federal legislation. So I would hopefully, very earnestly ask the body for your support to suspend the rules and place LB 129 before us in the form of an amendment to LB 240. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question before us, of course, is the suspension of the rules. Senator Lamb on the suspension of the rules.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President and members, as Senator Hall mentioned LB 129, which will be adopted into this bill, is a bill that was advanced by the Transportation Committee. And LB 240, the original 240 was amended into another bill. So we have this vehicle here which Senator Hall would use to advance LB 129 and, of course, get it ahead of where it would be otherwise. I have no objections to the bill, LB 129, as it was advanced from the committee, I support the bill. The only question I think is whether or not you want to adopt this procedure of advancing this bill, in this manner, ahead of some other bills that might logically come before it. So I will support the bill, I may not take part in the suspension process, but that certainly is your decision.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, would you like to close on the suspension.

SENATOR HALL: Just to say, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate Senator Lamb's comments and the work that the Transportation Committee has put into this for the last couple of years. This amendment has been filed on LB 240 since last year, so it is not something that was brought to the Clerk's desk this morning. It is an important issue. I would urge the body's support to suspend the rule.