

probably, as Senator Schimek pointed out, the most important vote that you will ever take and it's not whether or not you want to support the money, but it is the suspension of the rules vote right here, the 30 votes that have to take place have to be there. Ladies and gentlemen, if my district said to me, and I don't know that if one of them have money in any of these institutions, and I don't care, if you vote for that, we'll throw you out of office. So be it. I'll vote for it and I'll resign if that would make them happy. Might make a few other people happy, more happy, but I think that that is that important of an issue, that this issue goes far beyond any individual's priorities, integrity or what we feel is right or wrong in terms of the process. This transcends all of that and it sends a message to a number of individuals across the state and across the country how we, as an elected body, feel about issues that we sometimes don't have as much control as we thought we did over them. I would urge you to vote to suspend the rules because, in this case, the rule is not applicable. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, you're next but I'd like to introduce some guests first of Senator Schellpeper under the north balcony. We have Gloria Koch, Mary Jane Chilcoat, Jeanette Weatherholt and Ethel Weatherholt and they are all from Stanton, Nebraska. Would you ladies please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, when I looked at the suspension motion I had the same thought that Senator Hannibal has already expressed and that is, oh boy, does this ever set a bad precedent. And, frankly, this is not an issue that is going to be supported in my district, and I tell you right up front I'm going to do it anyway. If I were looking for a way to get out of voting for this, it would be easy to say, well, this is a dangerous precedent and we shouldn't suspend the rules, but I agree with the statement Senator Hall has just made, this is no ordinary situation, it's a special situation. It would be easy for me to take a walk on this issue. It would be easy for me to even vote no on this issue. I have got eight people in my district that were affected by this, that I know of. But I cannot do that and stick with public office. When I came into office my first year, this was the issue up there. In fact, I remember being on television with Vard Johnson that night. We got call-ins. I didn't know a