

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, please, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Mr. President, I respectfully call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do and the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Landis, would you like to close on your motion to suspend, please?

SENATOR LANDIS: I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dave, would you like to close, please?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, did you call on me to close?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: I didn't hear that. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I want to first acknowledge what I thought were two very, very gracious and eloquent and well thought out speeches on the floor, first by Loran Schmit who appropriately reminded us of how difficult and how tortuous the history of this issue has been, and that even though we may be irritated along the way by the tactics or strategy or timing or schedules or some of the irritating letters or phone calls or whatever those personal irritations have been, you keep your eye on the underlying issue, and I thought that was a very statesmanlike speech. I also wanted to thank Senator Scofield for a speech that reminded us of the dignity of this body and the depth of our commitment to handling each other's problems, not just the problems of one area alone. Clearing our agenda of a major issue early in the session will help us all. We've got a full plate. Let's see if we can't knock one off the table if we can. Secondly, final resolution of this action is possible. It was perhaps available to us last year but it certainly is available to us now and we ask you to do that. In the event a constituent stopped you on the street and said, why did you vote to suspend the rules without regard to whether you wind up voting yes or no