

to gut the bill, put my bill in its place. It is something that has been done several times in the time that I have served here. I remember Senator Vard Johnson doing it a lot of times on Select or General File, particularly if there was an A bill that was not being up, that was not coming up...

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator McFarland. (Gavel.) Please, let's hold it down. It is very difficult to hear, please. Thank you.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: When an A bill is not coming up or not going to be used, what has been done in the past is that the bill has been gutted and another bill substituted in its place because of the position. After this morning, my understanding was that LB 159 was going to be passed over. It is here, ready to be advanced to Final Reading. It is a bill that I think is meritorious, that has a lot of support, and it is a bill that has not...I don't think anyone has ever testified against it in the years we have had it before Judiciary. The process that I am using I guess most recently comes to mind is what was done last year with LB 272A. LB 272A was an A bill that was not going to go anywhere. They didn't need the appropriations for that particular bill. So as a result, the bill was gutted. We substituted the Commonwealth bill, the motion to suspend, substituted the Commonwealth, American Savings, State Securities bill in its place. The motion was to suspend. There were 30 votes. It was done directly, just as I propose to do it here, and then the bill was considered and not voted upon, and it is still pending on the Final Reading. That is the process. It is not a novel process in here. It is something that has been used before, not a lot of times, but it is something that has been done when there is a bill that, obviously, is not going to go anywhere from where it is at. Talked about it with both of the sponsors of the bill, Senator Ashford and Senator Conway. I talked with Senator Kristensen about it. I talked with who had the amendments. I talked to Senator Warner and I talked with Senator Pirsch about it. And this is where we are at. I am asking that you suspend the rules to allow it to be considered. That if you don't like the bill in and of itself, then you can vote it down. You know, if you don't like the amendment, you can vote it down. It is an amendment that we have discussed before. I think it is a good piece of legislation. If it is not discussed today and not put on, it will not be considered. It is one of those bills that will not be there. It is something that we did not consider until after