

existing and which will reach...will harm a lot of people if it's not passed. So I'd urge that the motion to suspend the rules be defeated, that we move on, advance the bill and get onto something noncontroversial like gun control.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, yes, as it appears that we're going to debate the merits of the amendment on the rule suspension, it's probably time that we say something about the merits of the amendment, I guess. And, you know, Senator Wesely and Senator Lindsay, I understand why they believe in LB 688. They have put together a fragile coalition for another issue and they do not want to be bothered with an amendment like this that may cause their bill harm, and it's certainly not my intent but the fact of the matter is that as there usually are, there is a limit to what we can do to address issues. Now, this particular amendment was originally a bill introduced by Senator Lamb and the bill was heard last year. If I remember correctly, there was some controversy over whether or not and when and when not this bill came out of committee. So it's not as if this issue has not went through the process. The fact of the matter is that it...actually when it came out of committee it was severely amended, had very little resemblance to its original bill, but it's a simple issue, has been heard. We've talked about it in this Legislature before. Don't be concerned about the committee issue and if it's standing on its own, but we're trying to find a vehicle to solve a problem. And in my particular case, yes, the fact of the matter is the Friday of priority bill designation I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of a variety of day care providers and the parents of the children that attend those centers and they were more than a little bit upset and wanted to know what could be done. Obviously, yes, there was a bill that had been introduced to address their concern, had not been made a priority bill. Priority bill designation had already passed. It is an issue that is obviously very important to a good number of people in my particular area and it's one of those things that it's rather simple and whether or not you feel it's a good or a bad idea, and I simply would like the body to suspend the rules so we can vote on it and raise it up and maybe makes a little more sense. Now, Senator Lamb can also give you some arguments as to in his area in upstream Nebraska what the situation is, but the situation out in Seward, the fact of the matter is, that there is a problem and this amendment would certainly assist in