

don't know if it was by design or accident or maybe it was by a grand design of a power greater than ours, I do not know. But it was interesting because Senator Chambers had some amendments and he was gone that day and they were rolled over. Senator Ashford had some amendments, they were quickly dispelled of because he said they could be better written and he'd come back on Select and I think one or so he withdrew. Then Senator Schmit had a motion to suspend the rules and he was gone, and that rolled to the bottom. Then there was an amendment by Bernard-Stevens and after that there was an amendment or a motion by Senator Labedz to suspend the rules, and that set up the stage for the first across-the-board sequence. There had been little debate on the bill and it became apparent...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...that we could possibly suspend the rules on General, go right over to Select and suspend the rules as well and the will of the majority was that's what we were going to do. And that's where things really bogged down this session. And I suggest to you on any bill that any one of us have, if we use the procedure of denying any time to discussion or debate on a controversial and an emotional issue across the board, I suspect, unless there is unanimous approval for some reason, which there is no need to suspend the debate unless there's an emergency, that the same thing will happen, that when you look back in history and you have a strong majority that was going to dominate and force the view across without giving any consideration of the rights of a minority in the body, but not necessarily the minority of the State of Nebraska, that that same type of reaction, and I hope the body...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...both sides have learned that on controversial and emotional issues, the give and take, the sitting down seriously with each other, regardless of what some other state has done...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...and do what is best for Nebraska and that type of good faith getting together can bring very positive results and unfortunately we just never got there on this bill.