

And for that reason I am voting to suspend the rules to enable to advance all of the bills to Select File. My intention is to vote for some of them on Select File to advance them to Final Reading and to vote against them...against others. As you consider this vote I'd ask you to consider one question. What if we don't vote to suspend the rules at this time? What's going to happen is that you have LB 976 coming up, and it is a bill that now has 12 amendments on it, as I understand. It may have more at this time. The last time I checked there were 12 amendments. If you just took the opening and closing time of 10 minutes opening, 5 minutes closing, for 12 amendments, that's over...that's three hours of debate right there. Obviously, what's going to happen is if you do not vote to suspend the rules at this time we can start to discuss 976, we'll go to Final Reading this afternoon, and when we get done with Final Reading about five o'clock or so, then you'll discuss 976 for the rest of the evening, and you'll be here until six, seven, eight, nine o'clock and adjourn. I think these bills deserve to be considered. And even though I don't want to vote for all of them, I'm willing to vote to advance them to Select File at this time with the understanding that I will vote against some of them, at that time, and vote in favor of others at that time as well. And that is my reason for the vote. And I hope that you will consider that as well, and consider what will happen, if you vote against this motion, consider what you're voting for for the rest of the day and on into this evening. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Pirsch, please. Question has been called. I think I will probably...we've only had two speakers, Senator Pirsch I'll let it go a little bit longer. Thank you. Next speaker, Senator Langford. Thank you. Senator Lynch. Senator Labeledz. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, much has been debated already, and in fact probably some of the best debate that has taken place this session. I would suspect that each of us can find reason to vote as we see fit to vote. Each of us will vote our convictions, and that will not necessarily determine the future votes of each of us, because each vote, as we cast it on this floor, is a separate and individual vote. Senator McFarland has given you some reasons why he will vote for this issue when he might not have voted for it at another place, another time, another issue. And each of us has to consider those. Senator Chambers has made his points very clear. And I would just ask that you support the motion. I