

Mr. Speaker, oh, that's all I have to ask you and I'm going to make a comment and then you can address it on your time if you want to because mine is probably gone. This is a motion to suspend the rules and a motion to suspend the rules cannot be amended, even by the Speaker, and I wanted to establish that this morning when I asked about that suspension rule this morning, for the purpose of adding bills or deleting bills and the ruling was correctly given that it cannot be amended. So the Speaker cannot amend his suspension motion to add another bill. Sometimes rules are put in place to counteract what certain members of the Legislature will do and I'm one who, on occasion, has asked for a division of the question even when there was a motion to suspend the rules. So the rules were changed to say that a suspension motion cannot be amended and it cannot be divided. So it hasn't hurt me at any point. But there have been instances where it would have been convenient to be able to amend one of those motions. So the only way out of it that I can see is that Senator Abboud's bill is in the position of that goose that got shot out of the air and fell out of the formation and unless the whole formation is reconstituted to include his fallen goose bill then he's just out of luck for the purposes of this motion. And if the motion is withdrawn, which it can be, and restated, then that would be a way to resolve it. But I'm not up here to say how that should be done just to call attention to it. But there are bills in this list, which is on Final Reading, and some of those bills need additional scrutiny and work. And, Senator Withem, when I say I know why you feel the way you do about LB 1059, or whatever it is, I don't mean anything secret and clandestine, I mean with the work that has gone into that bill I can understand why nobody would want a single amendment offered to it and, certainly, they would like to have no negative votes cast. But the reality is that when these kinds of bills are brought and they're put into the legislative system, then they are going to be scrutinized and they're going to be debated and handled at every stage of consideration. And I don't think, in some cases, it's sufficient to say that just a red vote will do the job. Sometimes there is information which is not forthcoming until the bill is on Final Reading, it's the only thing before us, it has our undivided attention and we are all in the Chamber, or most of us are here. So I have to oppose the Speaker's motion as I opposed the motion this morning.

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