

on how we might focus this session on some key issues. And, because of that, I think it makes LB 1059 all that much more important to pass this year. Quite frankly, I have been a supporter all the way through. I will continue to support it but the key is I think everybody is measuring this session's success or failure on one bill and one bill alone. There are some other key bills, I think, that are important, one which we passed last year on solid waste, or last week on solid waste, but I think the media, maybe even those of us right here in these chairs would have to agree that if 1059 fails and we don't do anything this year, there are going to be a whole lot of folks around the state saying, you know, we really made a mistake this year, we really did a poor job of shirking our responsibilities. So I'm going to vote for the suspension motion that Senator Barrett has filed. I think it's the only way we're going to be able to get to some of the bills and Rod...I could say, yeah, Rod has got one of the bills on this list, my inter...my international trade office bill which is a personal priority bill and I would like to see it passed this year. I can live without it but I would like to get it through this year. But, you know, the only way I think we're going to get to LB 1059 today, maybe very late today, is to move to suspend the rules and start reading some of these bills and vote them up or down, as Senator Withem said. And if you don't like them, you definitely have the opportunity to vote red on any bill that's on this list. But I guess I would support Senator Barrett's motion to suspend the rules.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please, followed by Senator Lamb.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, and members of the body, I was going to call the question but I feel somewhat compelled to respond to some of Senator Hannibal's red herring types of remarks about the bill that any major proposal that will come out of a Legislature, as major as LB 1059 is, and it's complex, frankly, as our whole property tax system is, our whole valuation system, the equalization formula, the timing of local budgets, there's going to be problems in it. I will stand here and guarantee you that in 1059 right now there are probably some other problems that have to come back. I also will guarantee you if we spend another summer, if we say, let's not pass 1059 now, let's wait until next year and come in and pass it, we're still going to have those problems, because you make a change like this, you don't know what all the problems are until you