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think we had a problem with deficit bills. If I had thought about, it I would have done it differently. But as far as your question on the mainline bill, I, myself, planned ahead for that. The committee has two, basically, there's two options, or three options, one would be to do this and suspend the rules. I don't think that's an option we should use. The other option is to use the Governor's bill, the mainline bill. And the third option is that I, myself, introduced a shell bill that was an option for the committee to use. And so, either way, it will take action on the floor to get an amendment adopted. So, at that point in time, on those bills we will be moving forward in a manner which you and I discussed back when I was on the Rules Committee.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, fine. And I don't...I think I understand the deficit process well enough to know that you probably couldn't introduce a deficit bill at the beginning of the session because you don't know what deficits there are going to be until the bill comes along. So I have no problem with this, I just thought when I saw this here it might be good to get a little bit of floor discussion into the record on the thing that we just talked about in Rules Committee. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Does anyone else wish to speak on this motion? Seeing none, do you have a closing, Senator Moore?

SENATOR MOORE: Just ask for a suspension of the rules to introduce the bill and to heck with what Senator Withem said, you know, this is only from my point of view and hope the committee will agree with me, I guess, is that this particular bill we did our best to not put controversial things in now. When we get to the issue when you have some more controversial things my intentions as Chairman, hopefully, the committee will agree with me to use a process like Senator Withem and I discussed to allow the floor equal opportunity to make some amendments. So I just...at this point, this is a deficit bill, the five items I outlined. This is a motion to suspend the rules, place it directly on General File and then we can discuss it again on General File if it needs so be.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. We will now vote on the motion. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion? Senator Moore.