

of the time to Senator Lamb.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, a little over six minutes! Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, yes, Senator Withem has explained it well. LB 719 is a bill that needs to pass this year. We are not sure it was going to be passed in time to get back down here before midnight because we do not know exactly what is going to be the situation with the large number of amendments on it. So what I have agreed to do is to sacrifice LB 511 for this year, but I'll tell you what I plan to do. I don't want 511 to go completely away and that's the scenic river bill. I don't want it to go disappear completely and have to start over again next year. So, in all probability, tomorrow I'll be asking you to suspend the rules, put LB 511 contents into 719. I hope, if you vote to suspend the rules now to do what we're doing, you will again tomorrow or whenever vote to suspend the rules to allow me to keep 511 alive. It will not be considered this year, but it will be there ready and available for amendment and possible passage next year. So that's what we're doing primarily because LB 719 is so important to so many different school interests. So I would ask you to suspend the rules today and again suspend the rules when 719 comes up tomorrow to amend LB 511 into that bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lamb. On the motion to suspend the rules, Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: There were no other lights on, another light did just come on but...I think I'll let the other person because there is only one light on, Senator Robinson. Senator Rod Johnson, did you wish to speak to this?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, Mr. President, members, or, Mr. Speaker, I guess I'm a little concerned, not so much with the procedure of wanting to swap bills, so to speak, but what we're, in effect, doing is adjusting the Speaker's schedule to move one bill ahead of another or at least a couple of others in order to take it up. And I recognize that the problem is that we've got a couple of very controversial bills, another low-level issue, another ethanol issue which each have some problems. I guess the question I have to Senator Withem would be, how many amendments are pending on your bill coming up on