

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Yes, Madam President and colleagues, I would move for this rule suspension. These bills that had the constitutional one-day lay over, they have not had the...we have a two-day lay over in our rules for bills before we can read them on Final Reading. I would move that we suspend the rules so that we can read these bills on Final Reading.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Thank you, Speaker Baack. Is there anyone who wishes to speak to this motion? Seeing none, we will now vote on the motion to suspend the rules. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the motion to suspend the rules? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** 30 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to suspend the rules.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** The rules are suspended, and we will proceed with Final Reading. I would ask the senators to please be seated so we can proceed with Final Reading. Mr. Clerk, LR 24CA.

**CLERK:** Madam President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Wesely would move to return LB 24CA to Select File for specific amendment. The amendment is found on page 2825 of the Journal. (See AM2270.)

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Senator Wesely.

**SENATOR WESELY:** Thank you, Madam President and members. I sent around a letter yesterday which outlined the measure before you. First off, let me begin by thanking the members of the Legislature, who last week adopted an amendment which allows for a separate vote on the issue of lottery proceeds reimbursing Commonwealth depositors. We, obviously, would like to have had support and passage of Senator Schmit's tort claim and eventual passage of that is still pending and possible, but there is uncertainty about the situation regarding the tort claim, so we felt that it would be wise to recognize the constitutional barriers we face to reimburse the Commonwealth depositors, and address, through a constitutional amendment, in some fashion, that issue. The lottery is, obviously, the one constitutional amendment that does tie into the Commonwealth issue in the fact that revenues are raised and we will have additional money to put into various projects. And so we wanted to have a merger of the two issues so that if the lottery is successful, some of the