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division of suspension of the rules. Okay.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, Senator Schmit, I'll yield the rest of his time and I'll use my time to visit about that.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ..and members, I asked several times where the A bill was on this bill and I have not yet seen it. Understand it is for a very modest amount and understand it may even be for less money than what is included in 922, and it strikes me as extremely strange, first of all, that the bill hasn't been accompanying the bill and, secondly, that it is for such a modest amount. I know that those figures are sometimes difficult to find, but I would assume, after having visited with some of my county officials, that it will take almost that much money to administer the bill in some of the counties, much less in the...by the State of Nebraska and the Department of Revenue. Department of Revenue is always very cautious in how they estimate their cost, but they are always I think very sincere in trying to cover costs and I would have to say that I assume this is a very, very low figure, but my principal concern is this and that is that we are reading the bill when it is not necessary to read it. The bill ought to accom...it ought to accompany...the A bill ought to accompany 1063. If not, it ought to stay where it is until the A bill is here and we have had a chance to discuss the A bill. To buy the proposal as it is without knowing what the cost of it is is ridiculous. If we were to do that with any other bill we would be severely criticized. From time to time I've had bills move across this board and I have never had one read yet that did not have an accompanying A bill. I would...I do not know what the hurry is...well, I guess I probably know. There are some who do not want to vote for 1063 unless 219CA passes and that's a very legitimate concern, but then it would have been prudent to have had the A bill introduced and debated and discussed so we know where we are at. This is one more example of buying something without knowing the price tag. We do not know what the price tag will be to the individual citizen. We don't even know what it will be to the State of Nebraska and it is an irresponsible act as far as this Legislature is concerned. It is an act which borders upon...upon arrogance, the idea being we've got the votes, therefore, we ought to just read the bill and the public be less

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