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session, a long drawn out fight on the first two levels of debate, we get into the question of procedural regularity brought by those long-standing opponents of the bill who don't like the bill. And we've spent 12, 14 hours arguing about broilers and breeding dogs and chickens and all the rest of the list of topics that have been brought up when we entertained motions and now, critically, after 16 hours of that kind of debate, we have amendments that are required for procedural regularity. I don't buy it. Well, the reason we need to deal with this bill now at this time with this Speaker's amendment...I'm sorry, with this motion is because this one shared perspective by everyone, which is that the system should precede the constitutional amendment, has to occur today. Has to occur today because 219, if it's going to pass and be successful, has to be done today so that we can get on the primary ballot, if at all possible. Today's the last chance, in that sense, and that means that if we're going to be true to this one theme that has been sounded by everyone, we need to see if we have the votes for 1063 today. We don't need another filibuster. We don't need another 80...another 8 or 10 hours. There was earlier today on the Clerk's desk 30 more amendments along the lines of the broilers and the chickens and the pink-eyed rabbits as opposed to the blue-eyed rabbits, and all the rest of the amendments that are up there that have subsequently been taken off, but they're there ready to be reintroduced again the minute this motion fails so that we can make sure that we stop consideration of the issue. The only way to address what we have long-standingly promised ourselves and the people of this state is to vote on 1063 this morning, followed by a vote on the constitutional amendment. That will not happen unless we suspend the rules to keep off the desk 30 more amendments like the ones we had on Select File inventorying each and every item around the barnyard and the corral, 'cause that's what will happen if this motion fails. Senator Schrock needs about a minute of my time to make clear some legislative intent with respect to the issue of fertilizer and I would yield the remainder of my time to him.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I would just like to make clear, it's come to my attention after some...visiting with some individuals that this 1.9 million ton of fertilizer that we intend to tax to raise \$7.5 million on a per annual basis, that a lot of times water is added to