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vote. If we have an issue of one man, one vote and Senator Bernard-Stevens is not asking for one man, one vote, then you find all of a sudden the irrigators have lost their voice in the issue. And so he's not asking for one man, one vote. He's just asking for some representation so that people in his area of the state have a voice on the board and have some say in how the operations of the district are conducted. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Seeing no other lights on, Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to close?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and again I want to thank the Speaker, no matter which way it turns out, for giving me the opportunity to try this on his bill and LB 573 and I appreciate that very, very much, the courtesy given. Basically, this is a move to suspend the rules because Senator Robak is correct, there is a question on germaneness. That's what the suspension is all about, to allow the body to consider a questionable germaneness issue. I'm not going to talk about the differences between three to five on a board versus the issue we have now 'cause, quite honestly, they're not...they're not comparable. They're absolutely different. But I would ask the body to support the suspension of the rules so that we can allow the opportunity for boards that are affected by this thing to move in a more positive way of expanding representation and communications. This does not mandate. It's permissive. It simply allows, gives them the opportunity to do so if their board so desire, and I urge the body to suspend the rules to bring the bill back. Hopefully, then we can move onward. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the closing on the motion to suspend the rules. We will now vote on that motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to suspend the germaneness rule, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The motion is successful.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to return the bill for a specific amendment, AM3882, Senator. (AM3882 is found on pages 1798-99 in the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.