

rules and get a vote up or down on this amendment and go on without taking too much more time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING**

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Wesely, on the motion to suspend the rules.

**SENATOR WESELY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I, too, would rise in support of the Ashford motion to suspend the rules and take up the amendment and then I would also speak in behalf of the amendment. It is a little, I suppose, stretching the germaneness but I think by suspending the rules that's a fair and upright thing to do. It takes a few more votes and I would ask you to consider voting for it. But I want to call the attention of the body, and there is an article that Senator Ashford has that will be distributed here shortly, but gun education is a very, very important step to be taken in this state and I've had an incident...two incidents in my district in northeast Lincoln where young men, young boys were shot accidentally by friends and this has led to a great deal of interest in my part of town. Judy Schwaller and Connie Windhorst both live in northeast Lincoln. In 1984, Mrs. Schwaller's 13-year-old son was killed accidentally by a friend playing with handguns. And then last spring Connie Windhorst's 16-year-old son, Clint Brennan, was shot to death in a similar accident. And there have been other incidents. We seem to read them. I don't know what the number of incidents of young boys and young children being shot in this state by accident is but it's got to be a number...it seems to me every month or two we have got another child killed by handguns by accident. And to not address this problem, by going forward in a constructive fashion with an education program isn't sensible. If we don't take this step, if we don't get this in place this year, whose life will be lost next year as a result of not having in place some program to this degree? We've already lost a couple lives in my district. I've got the article going around right now so that you can take a look at it. We've already lost a couple of young lives in my district, which district will be next? Which young life will be lost next? I think all of us that are parents worry about where our kids are, what the situation might be, what access to guns might be available and we've got to teach responsibility. These young children you wouldn't think would have access to guns and misuse them but it does happen. Lives are lost. And I think, Senator