

city that we need to do in this case. Let me tell you what's the bill and tell you how we're going to proceed in the event the body will permit this important issue to be considered. I will ask for a suspension of the rules. I hope with 30 votes you'll agree with me that a major issue, which can be done, is the consideration of income tax changes pursuant to a Revenue Department study, which we did this summer, pursuant to the findings of the 3-R Committee, which studied and adopted recommendations on this point, pursuant to public hearings that have been held on this topic, and the act of consideration in the body in the last couple of days. The measure that I have substituted for you, you have a packet of materials about, you'll find them on your desk. Basically what they do is they help us with several technical problems and they help us with the progressivity of our system. We have a cliff effect, and that means you can have a small federal tax burden and a larger state tax burden. This bill helps solve that problem. We have lost some progressivity in our tax system, this helps replace that tax system progressivity. It reduces the tax burden on low and middle income working families. Our estimation is 462,000 taxpayers income taxes go down, 54,000 go up. I will be happy to explain to you the provisions of the measure, but frankly we need to get to the question as to whether or not this Legislature has 60 minutes that it can spare to consider the topic of the tax returns of 500,000 Nebraskans, and whether or not they can get a tax...tax relief this session. I would ask the Clerk, if he would, to...I have a rule suspension. I'd be happy to have that issue raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Landis would move to suspend Rule 3, Section 70 so as to permit consideration of AM4255.

SPEAKER BAACK: Okay. Senator Landis, just before I take up that motion, I know there's a bunch of other lights that were left on, on the last motion. I am going to erase all the lights, and then if people want to speak to this motion they can renew their lights. I'm going to erase all of them. Okay, all the lights have been erased. Now, if you wish to speak to this motion, you may do so. Senator Landis, on the motion to suspend the rules.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your indulgence. I hope the body will give me theirs. This is a measure that's been important. It was a measure that the Governor was encouraged to introduce by members of this body.