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SENATOR PIRSCH: Was the goal to arrive at the third, third and third that...

SENATOR WARNER: No, that's not a factor in this...

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...was the intentional...

SENATOR WARNER: That's not a factor in this at all.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, thank you very much.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senators Hall, McKenzie, Pedersen, Jones, Beutler, Robinson, Schrock, Brown, Hartnett, Jensen and Warner. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'm going to be very brief but I do want to get my two cents in, sorry, Senator Landis. I support this strongly. I just want to make the point and in addition to all the other points made that the important thing to me is it's going to draw the public and the taxpayer into this dialogue, and it will be part of a giant education process, not only for us, but for them, because one of the problems we're having at arriving at this across the state and the reason it's such an issue is everyone doesn't grasp it and the single, magical petition appears, and it appears to solve one problem without taking in all the consequences. So one of the reason that I think this is so necessary that we take the lead in this as a legislative body is to put this out on the table so that all understand the intricacies and the great interlock between these issues, that if you push...it's like the giant balloon that's used so often for an example, that you push one spot, something pushes out on another. And I think that is going to be one of the real values of this, presenting this now. And I guess I would remind us all that it's probably going to be painful for all of us as we make these decisions, as we go for some change, because I truly believe that we are at that step in Nebraska at this point. I urge you to introduce this constitutional amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of the motion to suspend the rules. But I'd like to ask Senator Warner a question, if I could.