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this is something that's going to be highly publicized and planned out in advance so that there will be the ability for citizens to participate, should they so choose, across the state.

SENATOR WARNER: That would be my hope.

SENATOR HALL: Okay. Is this something that the Exec Board might get a request to put the hearing on satellite?

SENATOR WARNER: Starting on May 1. (Laugh.)

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Again, I rise in support of the motion to suspend the rules.

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

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I heard a quote last week that's probably appropriate right now. Everything has probably been said on this issue, just everyone hasn't had a chance to say it yet. But I rise in support of the motion to suspend the rules knowing full well that one of my counties in my district, Clay County, is one that's often used as a great example of how serious the problem is. Clay County has every single community in the county at a taxing levy over \$3, combined taxes. And in looking at restructuring and doing anything in property tax relief there's a reality in knowing that something is going to have to change more dramatically in that county than in a lot of others in order to bring property tax levies down to the proposed amendment resolution levels. But in spite of that I think people are ready to deal with the issue. I appreciate the introduction at this time so we do have full discussion during the summer and fall, to come back next session in order to do some additional changes and to provide the public adequate opportunity to discuss the recommendations and to consider how it will impact them. Again, I stand in support of the motion to suspend the rules.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. I would like to pause one second to recognize some guests of Senator Robinson. We have, under the south balcony we have Elwin Fitzky (phonetic), Dan Hodges (phonetic) and Paul Peters (phonetic), and in the north balcony we have 41 other members of the Nebraska Pork Producers. If you'd all stand and be recognized,