

to pass this piece of legislation in a form that it won't be challenged in court. So I would hope that this motion to suspend the rule will fail and that we'll get an opportunity to amend 371 so that we can pass a bill that we can be proud of and that won't be challenged in court as soon as it passes the Governor's desk. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Lindsay, your light is next.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I rise in support of the motion and in so doing I'm not going to disagree with Senator Chambers that this motion was filed in large part because of his abilities to stop up legislation. I do have a motion to suspend filed on LB 371, but, by the same token, many of us here have lived through this type of action in the past. And I think some of us can remember that suspending the rules on LB 371 to limit debate there could be effective, assuming you can get to LB 371. If we look on the agenda, there are one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, or six bills ahead of it. And my count, if eight hours on each of those is 48 hours, we aren't going to get to it before midnight, I don't think. So if...if Senator Chambers wanted to extend debate, we would have to have a motion on each one of those. On each one of those bills, we would have to suspend the rules assuming, again, you can get the motion up ahead of any other amendments that are debated and each one of those motions is, in and of itself, debatable. So the question is, do we, in fact, want to return bills to Select File and amend them today? We can't read them this year and if that's the case, we ought to just vote them down and not pass the bill this year. The only thing, the only thing you would gain by amending a bill at this point is saving a couple stages of debate next year. That is it. We cannot amend a bill this year again and pass it, so if we...if that's the case, there is no purpose in filing of motions, except, as we all know, usually we file those motions so that we can debate it. This motion that Senator Withem has offered would allow debate on each and every bill. We can still debate it but that debate would simply be limited until 25 senators think it's time to call the question on that particular bill. It is not intended nor do I think it will stifle debate. I'm not even addressing the concerns that Senator Witek brought up because I think whether this motion passes or not we're going to have an opportunity to discuss those concerns and I intend to discuss those. But the fact is if we want to get a chance of