

the very beginning, but you have known all along that there were going to be opportunities to have elections and, you know, I just think it's time to move on and to go on to other issues. We have a lot of issues that we were going to talk about this afternoon that may or may not be as important as this one. I wouldn't want to characterize them any other way. But I think the body has dealt with this issue and I think they're ready to move on and so I just would like to ask for support for suspending the rules.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Abboud. Senator Landis. Senator, I'm going to look up the rule and I'm going to read it because I know I was arbitrary which, as I understand the rules I can be with Senator Bernard-Stevens a few moments ago. Mr. Clerk, can you tell me where the rule is and I want to make sure people understand the basis of my ruling at this particular point. Yeah, the operative rule here, Senator Landis, is the presiding officer may rule the previous question out of order if in the presiding officer's opinion a full and fair debate has not been afforded due to the complexity of the subject matter. The ruling of the presiding officer, and I assume that means the ruling to rule it out of order, shall be subject to overrule in accordance with Rule 1, Section 12 of these rules. So a member may move...a member may make the motion to cease debate. It is up to the Chair, if the Chair chooses to rule that motion out of order, to do so. If the Chair rules the motion out of order, the body may rule...move to overrule the Chair is the way I rule it. In this case because this is a rather extraordinary step that we don't do all that often, I am going to rule the request to call the question out of order and suggest the debate proceed. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You have been very arbitrary but also very fair and I appreciate that. The...and I don't think I'll use my entire time, the issue I think that teed me off at this point to go to the level that I'm at at this particular time on the bill wasn't something that was plotted and schemed and hatched. It's just something that happened. And again, Senator Cudaback, I think you know me well enough that when I didn't bring the last thing to a roll call vote and did not vote to do the reconsideration, I was giving you the opening to do what actually you're doing at this point. The only thought that I'd like to stress one more time is that when we're going to have elections the whole history of our