

never vote in favor of calling the question. Unlike my good friend, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I never vote for closure no matter what the issue, no matter how convenient it is or whatever else, and I do not vote to suspend the rules for the purpose of cutting off debate. Patience is really a virtue and we all understand how the legislative process unfolds especially in the latter days. And we also know if a member feels very strongly about an issue and has the heart to pursue under the rules an effort to make that issue prevail or to at least force a discussion or if there is no participation in the discussion, which I recommend at this point, at least getting his or her views into the record. This is a bill that I have supported and will continue to support. Friday, March 22, is not the end of the world for anybody. It's not the end of the session. When we come to a vote on the bill, I'm sure it will have enough votes to advance. I'm also sure, knowing how my colleagues feel at a time like this, that the motion offered by Senator Cudaback will prevail and the rules will be suspended. It has happened to me on numerous occasions. But I have a very, very high tolerance for pain if that's what we're going through now, and I don't see this as pain. This is nothing. If this was the worst I ever had to face in my life, I would probably become a Christian or whatever religion was being presented to me that guaranteed me that I'll never face anything worse than what we're dealing with here in this Legislature. The main reason I stood is to indicate that I cannot bring myself to vote to cut off debate. Sometimes I simply will be not voting when the question is called. But when a rule suspension is before us, I am compelled to vote no on that regardless of the question. I will have a bill, well, I had one, LB 901, the speed limit bill, where a lot of amendments are offered. I've never tried to call the question on any bill that I have and I never will. Let people talk as long as they want to is my philosophy. But unfortunately, my philosophy is not shared by a majority of the members and that's why I get voted down so regularly and by such numbers that would be overwhelming to my colleagues who take legislating more serious in a personal way than I do. So I'm not going to vote to suspend the rules, but I definitely will vote in support of the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Question.