

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Lindsay, to open on the motion to suspend the rules.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. As I mentioned early on that I think, as far as a question of prioritizing what bills we're willing to vote to suspend the rules on, just to get some idea, this is one of the bills and, as a matter of fact, the next bill we would have gotten to had we considered on General File in their regular order each of the bills and that is the bill. This would amend the Landis amendment to allow...to insert LB 590 and that's the bill which prohibits state or, excuse me, that provided for public libraries in the public library federations, the countywide library systems that was the next issue up. And it gets back to that question of we are, by suspending the rules this time, adopting this amendment. We have moved forward ahead of other General File bills the issue of brewpubs and we have, whether we like it or not, we have said our priority this year is not the public library system which needs adjustment. Rather, our priority this year is enhancing the business of some brewpubs in the state; and I think that is a legitimate question to place before the body and that is, is that the priority that we want? This, from a procedural standpoint, this suspension motion is no different than the suspension motion which we received 30 votes on a little bit ago, is no different. We are...I am simply moving to suspend the germaneness rule to permit consideration of an amendment which would put LB 590 into AM4434; and it is purely to make clear and let the public know, I guess, what are...what is our position. What do we consider important? We know we consider brewpubs important. We know we consider it important enough to jump ahead of some other bills, but let's take them so that we can make it clear do we consider it more important than the public library bill, that...and I don't think it is. I don't think it is and, obviously, I don't support the brewpub bill, period, but aside from that is this a bill, is LB 590 a bill, which deserves merit, deserves consideration, deserves to be discussed? If we want to discuss LB 590, if we want to discuss libraries, now is the time to do it. I'm a realist. I know there's not...I'm not going to see 30 green lights go up on that board, but at least now I know we'll get a chance to discuss libraries. At least now I know whether...that people will get a chance to review and see where people stood on libraries, at least versus brewpubs. At least we'll get that opportunity to see that and that's what this amendment seeks to