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LB 590, 750, 1375

do and that is to put LB 590 into it. I know there are quite a few, there was quite a bit of movement, I guess, going on when LB 590 was the next bill on the agenda when we were talking about speed limits and LB 1375 I guess was under discussion or had been moved forward. There was a lot of discussion about LB 590 and changes to it. I know the city had some consideration or some concerns about it, the city of Omaha had some concerns about it, but the underlying rationale, should we allow countywide systems? Should we allow access in some rural areas, access to library facilities which are at par of some of those in some of the urban areas? Can we adequately fund libraries in all parts of the...of particular counties or areas, geographic areas? Do we...are we adequately providing access to books, access to technology that is located in libraries? Are we adequately providing that for our children? And that, I think, is what LB 590, which would have been considered next had we continued on General File, that's what it would have addressed. Now is that opportunity to discuss 590. Now is the opportunity to say whether, and through our votes, whether we would have supported that or not, whether we consider that a higher priority than the sale of small kegs of beer. And that is what we're selling, by the way. Make clear when we sell beer from the brewpubs we're talking about small kegs. That's generally how...they're not sold in individual bottles. They're generally sold in I believe it's one gallon containers, but that's how it's sold. So the question becomes is it more important than the sale of those small kegs? I think it is. I think it's...I think at least discussing the library system would have been a better priority than gutting one bill to put in a bill which was further down the road. I don't intend on this particular bill, I'm going to do a series of these just so we can get some...build some records, but I would urge that the suspension motion be adopted to permit consideration of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Question.

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SENATOR LANDIS: Mrs. Speaker, the issue of whether or not this is appropriately drawn has been argued repetitively and Senator Lindsay's I believe is the only other light on. He'll be