

amendment so it's in there. I'm giving an 11-month period of time between now and March 1, 1997, for John's constituent to go out into the field and start his business and get a competitive edge and a jump. I don't...I don't want to make other people's lives more difficult. There are no rights that John's constituent now has that are taken away under the bill. What it does is it grants rights to others and Senator Lindsay would like to see that those rights are not granted. I think they make for good economic development and they're the kind of thing, by the way, that if we allow to occur offers an opportunity for some rural economic development. It doesn't have to be in just in Lincoln and Omaha, but so long as people are tied to the 50 percent rule, so long as they're tied to the status of having a restaurant, the economics are such that you'll have to have a really big population area to make one of these things work. If you take away those pieces, as we do in this bill, you can make these things work in smaller contexts and you can have in the...in your areas the kind of growth that this is meant for Lincoln and Omaha. As we come in and we're assembling, I think the question I want to ask the body is whether or not I've given the opponents a fair chance to raise their issues and put them on the table. Understand that as far as I can tell it is the very nature of all of the amendments themselves which are objectionable; that it is the entire regime of the brewpub bill which is unacceptable and, therefore, not given to some kind of an amendment process or negotiation process. We just see things from the opposite side of the coin. But I do think that both sides have had their say, certainly in the context of what we have to give as a Legislature at this point in time, and for that reason I'm asking the body to suspend the rules and to allow for a vote on the underlying bill. If not, we go back to some other issues which will not have a home in this bill. In fact, that will be a doomed kind of a time frame because it will be taking somebody's priority bill essentially away from them and telling them what their priority is going to be. It's going to be my priority is going to be libraries or the Governor's tax proposal or same sex marriage on my priority bill. You wouldn't want it to happen to you. I don't want it to happen to me. Here's what I want. I want a fair up or down vote on whether it's a good idea or not. To get there, we've got to vote for the suspension of the rules and then see whether or not this issue has the votes. If you would, I ask you to suspend the rules to allow for the kind of up or down vote that exists. If it goes down, I'll be happy to