

Warner is introducing his motion to suspend the rules. Senator.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment that we...there will be two amendments that we need to put on, but only the first one will need the rule suspension, if it is adopted. This deals with an amendment that we talked about occasionally somewhat on the...with relation to the property tax issues, and what the amendment does, it was passed out yesterday and is in the Legislative Journal as indicated on the board, but it would establish for a four-year period, only, and then it is discontinued, a group which by title is called the Nebraska Commission on Local Government Innovation and Restructuring composed of 18 members appointed by the Governor. Included will be the Property Tax Administrator or their designee, the Director of Administrative Services or her designee, the Director of Economic Development or his or her designee, and three persons representing school districts, three representing municipalities, three representing county government, three persons with expertise or experience in public sector finance, analysis, and management, and three persons with private sector finance or management experience. And what this group would be authorized to do is serve as a catalyst in effect, for the kinds of studies that need to be going on over the next two years in the event that 1114 is enacted when it comes up to Final Reading. It does provide \$100,000 appropriation. It comes out of the insurance premium tax. In effect, that 100,000 is 50,000 state, 30,000 schools, 15,000 from cities, 5,000 from counties, which relates how that money is divided. But they would have six general responsibilities, one of which would be to provide some funding on a grant-type basis that might be available for local planning and evaluation of projects for innovating, restructuring, innovation, restructuring, or cooperative services. They could also do some...conduct some research and publish evaluations of efforts to develop public service innovations, restructuring, cooperative efforts. They could sponsor educational activities. They would identify intergovernmental mandates which might affect the ability of federal, state, and local governments to deliver services in an effective manner, somewhat parallel to what is already being going on in the...within the legislative branch. They also could identify issues and guidelines and incentives for collaborative or joint use of facilities, which is another area that had been discussed, and capital equipment by local government. They also would be authorized to accept and receive