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questions. I think that's the appropriate process, and I think that we do nothing to impinge on that process with the passage of 149. And so, with that, I thank you. I will remind you that to suspend the rules we do need 30 votes, and then for the emergency clause again we need 33. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. The speaking order is Senator Brashear, Senator Dwite Pedersen, Senator Quandahl, Chambers, Lynch, and Senator Wehrbein. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in only token opposition to the motion to suspend the rules. I voted for LB 149. I do not want to damage education. I do not want to damage schools, and I do not want to damage this effort. But I do view suspending the rules as an accommodation by all of us to work together to achieve what we believe to be good. And accommodation is what I would like to talk about. I have...I'm using a technique that others are expert at, I'm going to run a little bit far afield this morning, but they are things that matter to me and I don't think I've been too wasteful of our time, and so I will proceed. What LB 149 is about is education and about our schools, and the education in our schools are about our future. But what LB 149 was also about, and we all know it as we sat here, it was about property taxes. It was about the age-old, nagging problem of too much reliance on property taxes. And it was about making a decision now that was defensively good for our agricultural community, which is so critical and important, so that later, when it might be suffering a downturn, we are not going back to it and raising property taxes. And that's a legitimate concern for all of us and it's a particularly legitimate concern for those who represent rural constituencies. And we all listened and I think we responded to eloquent presentations concerning fairness, and consistency, and continuing the good polices of this body, of which some of us have been a part from the past. And so we accommodated one another, we worked together and we advanced LB 149. But there are other people in the state of Nebraska who have other concerns. And as I worked with my colleagues on the Education Committee and as I listened to the debate and I heard the Speaker's well-reasoned amendment, which he was offering, not because he was opposed to LB 149 in substance and purpose,