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continue to be considered high-volume users until June of 2007. Prior to that time, the Public Service Commission will determine the appropriate definition of high-volume users and seek a statutory change at the appropriate level. That's what the amendment does. So I'd ask for the germaneness rule...suspend the germaneness rule so we can vote on that amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on the motion to suspend the rules to allow for a specific amendment. Open for discussion. There are no lights on. Senator Hartnett, to close. The question before the body is, shall the rules be suspended to permit consideration of the Hartnett amendment to LB 499? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the motion to suspend the rules. It does take 30 votes. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:            38 ayes,    0 nays, Mr. President, to suspend the germaneness rule.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion is successful. The rules have been suspended.

CLERK: Senator Hartnett, AM3491.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hartnett, to open on LB 499.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I simply explained the amendment. I think I did something. I have gotten all the gas companies to agree with this. So I ask for the adoption of this amendment to this bill and advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on AM3491 by Senator Hartnett to LB 499. Open for discussion. Senator Burling.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Thank you for the last vote, and anytime you change the rules, draw a line, somebody gets on the wrong side of the line and gets left. And so this would merely help those high-volume users who were covered under the old law covered now under this one I think is an important thing to do and I urge your vote in