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a bill only insofar as requiring three stages of debate. If on Final Reading a sufficient number of senators vote for it, it then goes to the ballot. We cannot shunt that responsibility off on anybody else, and I'm going to take seriously mine. I don't want the integrity of the constitution to be compromised simply because lobbyists and a very narrow interest of a specific city constitute the driving force behind what we're doing. This bill, for whatever reason, was not prioritized by anybody. It is not a priority bill. It's not a committee bill. The Lincoln senators and the combine backing this proposal will have to try to con some other inattentive, unwary, gullible senator into prioritizing it, when the Lincoln senators don't want to prioritize it, or persuade the Speaker to declare it a Speaker's priority. But if it's so important to the city of Lincoln, why cannot one person representing Lincoln be found to prioritize it? It's not the kind of bill worthy of any special ordering. It's getting special consideration right now as a result of a rule suspension. There is nothing inappropriate about suspending the rules, because the rules themselves contain...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the authorization to suspend the rules, and that is a safeguard. There are occasions that come up when, if the rules were strictly adhered to, necessary business could not be transacted. I'm not even concerned about the fact that the rules were suspended. I'm looking at what the ultimate goal is, and I have not been persuaded by anything I've heard that this proposition should be submitted to the public. I'm going to reserve anything else I have to say until after a vote is taken, to see whether or not this will be made the bill by adopting Senator Beutler's motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. President and members, thank you. I stand in support of the amendment, very strong support. I have, during my career, been a part of and related to a number of foundations, and it seems to me plain, good stewardship to remove any roadblocks that stand in the way of prudent people as