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I had ten days to analyze LB 1024. I've had now four hours to analyze what we're trying to do with Section 44 that's now included in this bill. I'm not comfortable with it. It's as simple as that. The answer to Senator Erdman's question is I could move forward with the generic package that that committee moved out. I was still uncomfortable with it. Evidently other people were, too. Like I had mentioned, Senator Raikes was out there alone on an island. Other people were not necessarily that comfortable with it either. He got that out of committee. He was able to work with the committee to get that out here. I think that's Senator Bourne's whole point. He would never have tried to move this out of committee if he had known that this is what we'd be staring at. I'll just sum up by saying this: 11:59 rolls around and we don't take action here, just remember what I said--that's action; 11:59 at night the bats flying around, Senator Chambers laughing, the whole body laughing, that's action. And anybody that wants to criticize us from outside can walk a little bit of...a mile or a half a mile or ten steps in our shoes to try to hash out details like this in the amount of time that we had to hash it out. I will not vote to suspend the rules. I will not vote for cloture. These are the tools that I have in a Unicameral setup. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Further discussion. Senator Chambers, on the rules suspension motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to bring us to the reality that we confront once again. Nothing new is going to be said by anybody on this bill. In my view, no minds are going to be changed. We have reached this point, votes have been taken. It was my belief, and I stated it, that Senator Heidemann's amendment would be adopted and it was. I give it as my opinion, which I stated earlier, that the votes are here to move this bill. When it moves tonight, it will wind up on Final Reading, and I believe there will be at least 25 votes to pass the bill. I also believe that if we pass the bill there's a good chance that it will be enacted into law. People keep talking about a special session. I don't know if some senators are laboring under the notion because of a statute or something they heard that the