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Nearman and Post Support Rules Suspension

SALEM, Ore. – The Oregon constitution requires all legislation to be read in its entirety before it is voted on. Customarily, members vote to suspend the rules, allowing the bills to simply be read by title only. For several weeks, the House Republicans have denied the two votes needed to suspend the rules, backing up the flow of legislation and delaying the votes on many bills.

Today, Rep. Mike Nearman (R-Independence) and Rep. Bill Post (R-Keizer) joined with the majority party to vote for a rules suspension, resuming the reading of just the bill summaries. With a little over four weeks left in session, the majority party has already passed their main priorities. “At this point, the caucus can’t get to a win when 40 votes are needed. How much more leverage do they need for a win when 31 votes are needed,” said Nearman.

“I was sent here to vote on bills and best represent my district. Nearman and I are principled conservative Republicans and I think we’re all ready to vote and go home,” said Post. “It’s time to move on and face the music of a supermajority.”

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