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PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature....

PRESIDENT: Excuse me. There was a call for the previous question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Point of order.

PRESIDENT: Yes sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can the individual making a motion terminate debate before there is any debate by calling for the question?

PRESIDENT: If the House agrees with him. It has to get a 25 member vote to shut off debate to do that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that will be the procedure that we will follow if you make this ruling?

PRESIDENT: Surely because it requires a concurrence of a majority of the House.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm not going to argue. OK.

PRESIDENT: Surely. Do I see five seconds? There are five seconds. Record your vote. The question is shall debate cease on the question of laying the bill over. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 9 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Senator Cavanaugh. Was your.... Your light was on. Is it on on this proposition, Senator Cavanaugh, to lay the bill over?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I just wanted to ask Senator Chambers if he was here last Friday taking notes?

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, your light was on also. Did you want to speak to this matter, or was it on on the previous matter?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: On this matter. Mr. Chairman, based on the discussion today I think the most appropriate motion to make ... and I'd make a motion that has precedent. I move we adjourn sine die.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion, that we adjourn sine die. All in favor say aye, contrary say nay. Motion fails. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is attrition and it had to come to me again. I'm opposed to the motion to bracket this bill and make it the first order of business Monday because, as was stated so eloquently in the speaker just before me ... well two or three removed, "you don't want to steal from the other members of the Legislature". So if there is other business which would ordinarily come up on Monday ahead of this bill, we should not place this bill in front of it. That's why I'm opposed to the bracketing motion. I do have other amendments that I'm going to