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I'm acceptable of that. I did want to make sure that you all realize that before we start blaming this all on the jumping to the drum of another band, basically a petition drive, that when we had our public hearing to hear new rule proposals no one on the committee, except myself, had heard anything about a petition drive, and yet we had quite a few different proposals brought to us that had to do with time, doing away with cloture, and other issues. So it, jumping to the drum of another band, was brought up when we had a Rules meeting on the idea of changing from three hours to no hours. But don't forget that we, the people, or the body, have asked for these changes and, yes, most of them do have to do with Senator Chambers. His name is mentioned often. I have no problem with giving him the credit for that. Senator Brown mentioned, when she spoke this morning, about the message that we get when there are bills that we sit here and do nothing but have amendment after amendment that are put up for nothing more than obstruction. This is the reason I am supporting a change in these rules and will not support recommitment to the committee. This is about time. We need to get more done, and I'm not saying we have not, and especially Senator Chambers has not done good work in stopping some bad legislation. But there's been a lot of good work that's been held up also because we don't have the time. We've had to go to other rules, supermajority rules by the Speaker, priority rules to begin with, so we can get some little bit heard. I see this as a good compromise in giving us some more time when we don't need it and...taking away time when we don't need it and giving us more time when we do need it. And that's why I'm supporting this and hope that you will do the same and not support the recommitment to committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: I would call the question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The question has been called. Do I see five hands. I do. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted who care to? Members, we're still trying to work on some of our technical problems. What I'm going to do is I'm going to clear