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of amendments, several of which were adopted, and as Senator Venditte said himself today, to quote him, "Those amendments which were adopted have strengthened the bill and made it a better bill." And I thank you for that compliment, Senator Venditte, because I think we have taken a rotten bill and made it at least a little bit better. I have one amendment which I have offered in sincerity. If I was not sincere, I would have offered seven or eight or ten and Senator Cullan I know offered a large number and he decided to withdraw those and we could vote the bill up or down or kill it based on its merit or lack of merit and that is in fact I think the way this body should deal with the issue beforehand today but I cannot speak for Senator Dworak, but I also believe Senator Dworak to be a sincere man and a man of his word. The amendment that I have offered and I believe the amendment Senator Dworak has offered are legitimate amendments. It is a shame we have to waste so much time because my amendment would have taken about two minutes worth of debate. I would strongly object to Senator Venditte trying to ram this through. I would urge the defeat of this motion. Then we can take up the two motions and then we can move the bill up or down.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I have the following lights on: Senator Cullan, Senator Labeledz, Senator Beutler, Senator Carsten, Senator Simon, Senator Dworak. Senator Cullan, do you wish to be recognized? We are now speaking to the Venditte motion.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I respectfully call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. The question is, shall debate cease? Do I see five hands? I see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? The motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate ceases. Senator Venditte, do you want to close?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the reason why this particular motion was put before the body was because I felt that there was going to be a sincere effort and a very hard effort on the part of those people to continue to try to filibuster this bill and that was