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suspending the rules today? If in some instances it is seen that there is some filibuster, if we have gone on for hours and hours and hours and hours on pointless amendments, if this is the only way to bring order to the Legislature then suspend the rules but you have listened to the amendments that we have proposed so far to 820. We have debated it for two hours. It is a major issue. I don't think any of those amendments have been pointless. I think they have all had a point. They have all had a different point. They have all had a legitimate point. We are going to go on now shortly to other major bills and we are talking about fifteen minutes a bill. I would much rather that we didn't pass any or very few of these bills and did a good job on them rather than to work on them for fifteen minutes and discover to our distress at some later point in time that we really bungled it. Let me remind you that we ask the people of this state to abide by our statutes and to abide by our rules and regulations and they have to do it. They don't get to suspend the statute or suspend the rules and regulations and what do you think they think of us when they see us down here suspending our rules that we all voted on at the beginning for no particularly good purpose? We are supposed to be a deliberative body. Let's try to keep it that way in these waning days. The issue is not somebody trying to get their way necessarily and I don't think that that has been the issue on this particular bill. There have been people who have disagreed philosophically on the issue but the amendments offered have been legitimate, have expressed legitimate points of view and I don't think we should cut off the debate simply because there are legitimate points to be made. Let's wait and see what amendments remain and whether they are legitimate, whether they should be discussed by this body. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan to close on his motion.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, my light was on.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, I missed it, not on purpose.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, I understand. It is one of those kind of sessions.

SPEAKER MARVEL: It is one of those days.