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of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. We are back to Senator Wesely?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. We have discussed this issue at great length and I have really appreciated the various viewpoints that have been described on the floor today and yesterday and I think that we have learned a great deal about what our role as legislators is and our difference of opinion about that but I think it is important that we discuss those. Let us go through again, the background on this amendment which we are now about to vote on and that is we started off with the motion by myself to raise from ten to fifteen the limitation on committee bills which can be introduced. That was amended by Senator Warner and Senator Koch. So now we are at an amendment which you will be voting on which would allow individual senators to introduce an unlimited number of bills, committees to introduce only eight bills. Now this is a change that I was somewhat surprised at personally. I didn't expect the support that was there but let me tell you, I am willing to give it a try and I think that it is something that we all ought to give a try for at least one session and I say that because in talking with other senators, Senator Kremer and I just had a discussion about this, it is a new step to take at this point because we have had bill limitations for some number of years and I have learned to accept those. There have been serious problems with them and I have become concerned about those problems and I am concerned about some of the expressions that were made here that perhaps opening this up to any number of bills could lead to some difficulties we had with Senator Carpenter and others who tossed in way too many bills and caused a glut at the end of the session but I have confidence in the members of this Legislature. I have confidence in each and every one of you that you will limit yourselves personally to what you feel are necessary pieces of legislation, that you will not be throwing in sixty bills or even twenty or thirty bills, you will be introducing what is necessary and I feel that way about myself and I feel that way about each of you because as far as I am concerned this change in the rules would allow me perhaps the two or