are no longer a deliberative body but one that has to crank out and turn out X number of bills, passed, for the edification, gratification of whoever they may be intended for? And if we want to say that, then I think we are moving, we are stumbling along the right path. I, for one, think that we do not want to say that and I think a majority of this body when they analyze it seriously will realize that this is an important step, it is a precedent of great significance, and if we are going to embark on it, I think we ought to do it cautiously as Senator Beutler first suggested. Otherwise, I don't think we ought to embark on it at all. For that reason I would oppose the Marsh amendment and I have reservations about the rest of this as it develops.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, we have a provision in the rules now that allows a motion to cease debate and a majority of those elected to the Legislature or 25 votes can result in the ceasing of debate, but with this cloture rule, what you do is shut off all discussion, period, and a motion is made immediately to advance the bill without any other debate, without the offering of any amendment or anything else. The motion to cease debate right now deals only with the particular issue that is being discussed at that point. So perhaps it is an amendment, and the debate is ceased on that amendment and a vote is taken on the amendment. Then you continue to discuss other aspects of the bill. But with this cloture rule, if you once vote cloture, there is no opportunity to amend, no opportunity to discuss. A vote is taken immediately without debate to advance it, and I presume that means that even the one whose bill it is gets no opportunity to speak which may not be that bad if he or she is going to join in the railroading of it. The sweetness of victory comes from winning the cloture vote which itself should probably ensure the advancement of the bill. The reason, Senator Rumery, that motions of this kind should take more than a simpleminded, I mean, a simple majority is that you are taking away from the Legislature the right and the power to do what we are here for which is to thoroughly discuss legislation. So it should take more than the type of vote that would be taken to cease debate or do any of the other routine things that we do in the Legislature. There should be a prioritizing of certain things that are done. Those which carry more weight and significance require a larger number over the majority than those things which are less significant. To amend certain appropriation bills require more than a simple majority. So if we are going to deal with taking away the right of debate, amendment and every other type of consideration for a bill, it should certainly