

responsible," and the school officials at Central High School would not allow that ad with that wording to run because they were afraid to deal with the issue of teenage sexuality and contraception and if you and I will sit here today and prescribe standards regarding abortion which may well be the end of the line for some teenager that is unwittingly caught with an unexpected pregnancy, then we are doing a disservice to our young people. And it is for that reason that from the bottom of my heart I would oppose Senator DeCamp's motion to cease debate. This is an issue that is too important for us to cease discussing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler. You all are speaking on the motion to suspend the rules. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I feel that this is one of the abuses of the rule that allows us to suspend the rule. This is a perfect example, I think, of an abusive use of that rule. There has been no filibuster on this bill. There have been three amendments that were all very legitimate amendments. There was a fourth amendment which was dispatched quickly. There were no other amendments pending on the bill at the time it was moved to suspend the rules. Earlier this year I asked the Legislature to adopt a cloture rule. That cloture rule had the time limit of two and a half hours of debate before a motion for cloture could be requested. That proposed rule was rejected on the basis that two and a half hours of debate was not long enough. Twenty-five votes weren't there for that kind of a rule and today you are being asked to close off debate through a suspension of the rules in way less than two and a half hours. This debate hasn't even gone on that long. If twenty-five of you were not able to vote on a general principle like that on two and a half hours, I don't understand how more than twenty-five of you would be willing to vote for cutting off debate, for cutting off speech in the Legislature on a period considerably shorter than two and a half hours. Senator Dworak, I hope I don't see your green light up there on this. When bill limitations were up earlier this year it was Senator Dworak who was the great advocate of free speech of allowing us to file all the bills that we wanted because each one represented free speech and yet, on the bills that we have in here we can't even take the time to let everyone speak freely on them. I hope you will give some thought to what kind of a precedent this is. In fact, with one exception, in the three years that I have been in the Legislature this is the first time I have seen the suspension of the rules used in this manner. It was used, as you remember, on the 882 discussion of last year and I think