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but if the body should decide that more time is still needed to discuss, they could just turn down a motion to cease debate and can continue debating and at least an hour would have to pass before they could again move to close debate and move ahead with the vote. So I think it is a fairly reasonable compromise on it that does prevent the possibility of extended filibusters but also provides for extended debate and the chance for people to express themselves. That is the motion. I'm sure Senator Beutler has some comments to make. It's a rule change proposed by him.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this cloture rule is patterned after the one that we used in the special session this year although the number of hours that is applicable is changed somewhat. But I just wanted to remind you especially for the new people in the Legislature exactly what our current process is for closing off debate. We really don't have a definite process and the reason for this rule is basically to substitute a definite process with a time certain for an indefinite process within entirely accidental length of debate and what I mean is simply this. Our present procedure in order to stop a filibuster you have to file a motion to suspend the rules and all amendments that are on the bill prior to the filing of your motion have to be heard. So the length of the debate is determined by the accidental fact of whether the opposition to the bill got a whole number of amendments filed before you filed your motion to suspend the rules. So the debate might be an hour or it might be three days depending simply on who got what motion filed first. So if you have a cloture rule then we would stop all that crazy business. We would stop the possibility of inadequate debate on some bills and ridiculous debate on other bills and say this is an appropriate amount of time for debate on each and every bill and each and every bill gets a fair amount of time for debate. The number of hours that is in there, five hours on the regular bills, ten hours on appropriation bills, basically derives from my experience and Senator Schmit or others who have been here longer may have a different concept of how many hours should be in there and I am willing to listen to that but basically in the four years that I have been here I frankly have not seen one bill on which there was more than five honest hours of debate on any stage of debate. So I took the maximum that I thought was necessary and put it into the rule and that is how I came up with the five hours. So let me say finally that I see the cloture rule working in