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of votes on it, debate is ended just like that and it might be five or ten minutes after debate has commenced. So the possibility, the mechanism for stifling debate is in this body now and if you had a cloture rule, that mechanism would not be there any more and you would always be guaranteed of at least five hours of debate. You have no such guarantee now. This has nothing to do with the stifling of debate and you might be interested to know that it is patterned to some extent after the rule in the House of Representatives of the United States and it has always seemed to me that they have gotten proper debate on their legislation. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you want to make another comment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Was Senator Beutler closing, Mr. Chairman? Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, first of all, I would hate to compare this body for productivity to the Congress. I think that when it comes to understanding what comes out of this legislative body we perhaps do as well if not much better than does the Congress. I think also that I would just like to touch for a minute or two upon the matter of how you limit discussion. It is very simple. It is very simple to limit discussion even to this rule. If I want to... if we have five hours of debate and I want to line up some opposition, you just press those buttons, six, eight, ten buttons and I, as a minority person, may not get a chance to come back and speak again all day long. It can be cut off and so it is very difficult for an individual who has a minority point of view to be assured that he has a means whereby he can be heard. As I said earlier, we have sometimes spent hours if not days arguing very minor bills. We argue over technicalities. We argue over the rules. We argue over whether we are going to adjourn for lunch and many other ridiculous items and for us then to say that a bill which is obviously a very important bill or would not incur that kind of debate and that kind of discussion, it is only allowed five hours of debate. That may be in my mind, fair, but it may not be fair to the mind of the introducer, it may not be fair in the minds of the persons who are opposed to it, it may not be fair in the minds of the public and so I would rather judge those issues as they arise than to prejudge them at this time and place. Again, I sympathize with Senator Beutler but I really do not believe we need the rule.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I have listened to this debate most intently and I feel I need to comment. My comment is simply this. I do not see