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the great fears that Senator Schmit sees in this sort of proposal. I do not see the fear that it is going to shut off debate. I think five hours is, in fact, a reasonable time period at each stage of debate to have the kind of discussion necessary and generally it would be far longer and it would be rarely used, this procedure, and I mean very rarely used this procedure. So I would urge that the body consider it seriously because, in fact, it does do one thing that we desperately need. It basically clarifies the whole question of debate and clarifies not the rule or the "tyranny of the minority" but clarifies how much debate we ought to be having in regards to those important issues where some people feel there is a need to cut off debate. So I would urge this body to accept this rule. I find it not unreasonable in any regard and it certainly is not going to cease reasonable debate. I think that this Legislature can, in fact, determine those decisions in a proper manner but at least a procedure for allowance of some cloture motion would be necessary and proper for us to adopt.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I won't take very long because I think most people may have their mind made up anyway on this issue. But for philosophical reasons I feel a compulsion to say something in opposition to this proposition. It is stating affirmatively that the Legislature feels that a point should be reached in the discussion of issues no matter what the issue is or how important that issue is where debate can be cut off totally on that particular proposition. And I think since we are supposed to be a deliberative body, whether we actually are at all times or not, is not the issue. The idea is that the characterization of the Legislature occurs partly as a result of the types of rules we adopt. So, if we put a lot of rules in the books to hamstring the Legislature because it sounds good at the time we're doing it or we think it is good public relations, then we get further into the session where the rules become a hindrance rather than a help. People on the outside who may have looked at the rules and then compared the way we conduct business, they say the Legislature is totally haywire and has no direction whatsoever. The Legislature will be judged according to the principles and standards it sets for itself. Congress is not criticized for a lot of things that it does because people are not aware of how Congress is supposed to be governed. So whatever Congress does is all right. I think the Legislature is going to have to stop traveling cheap. It is going to have