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SENATOR CULLAN: I just wanted to know whether Senator Lamb's motion is debatable itself.

SENATOR CLARK: Yes, it is.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, I yield my time to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CLARK: All we're on right now is the suspension of the rules to take up the fifteen minute rule that he had put into effect. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm not trying to be obnoxious, I'm really not, but you realize that if you adopt this rule, you have adopted a fifteen minute cloture rule and you will have adopted it on the most important bill of the session in terms of the financial impact on the State of Nebraska and you will have adopted it on a bill that did not have a discussion on General File except on the motion to raise from committee, which did not have a discussion on Select File, which is being amended on Final Reading and which we will not have a chance to amend again this session. If you really want a fifteen minute cloture rule, I guess you should go ahead and suspend the rules but I think it is a terrible policy especially in this instance. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle. There is no use in your holding your hands up because I'm going to call on you in the order that I have them up here.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I think this is a poor time for us to bog down. I think the Speaker is right that we should vote the bills up or down in fifteen minutes. There are a lot of bills down there on Select File that I'd like to see move yet this evening and we have all these other motions which is a game we're playing and it is not going to resolve anything. But we're going to kill the Legislature, whatever there is left of it, if you don't follow the Speaker's orders. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: I think you can forget about Select File. We don't have that much time. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I'd just like to point out, we've had nine motions today that we have debated and this is the first time that Senator Beutler has said, let's not go with the fifteen minute limit. My question is, is he against the fifteen minute limit as he stands there and talks about rules and procedures or is he against studded snow tires or is he against Senator Labeledz? Now the last time we debated this he said Senator Labeledz came to this

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