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through the Legislature and we do it without sufficient debate. On the one hand, too much debate on bills and on the other hand, not enough debate and a lot of manipulating on other bills. So I have been of the opinion for sometime that really there are two things that we need that would really add to the quality of this Legislature. And one thing is to prevent the tyranny of the minority, and the only way that we have been able to do that under our existing rules is by having a loose suspension of the rules provision. In other words, the only way we stop a filibuster, as most of you are aware except for the new people, the only way we stop a filibuster is by suspension of the rules. So what we need is a reasonable cloture rule. What I have been proposing to you is one that limited debate to three hours on each stage of debate, nine hours of total debate and that was based upon my experience in the Legislature just sitting here from day to day, and the rest of you can confirm this, at any particular stage on any particular bill that I can think of in the past, I don't think there has been more than nine hours of constructive debate on this floor of any of those bills. But Senator DeCamp's proposal is eight hours at each stage which is a total of twenty-four hours of debate. So really in a sense, it is only a cloture rule that is designed for a special session like this. If you were going to have a reasonable cloture rule it would have to be something less than eight hours because those of you who have been here know we never... there is just no way we could constructively debate something for twenty-four hours straight. So what I am saying I guess is I think this cloture rule is a beginning. I think it is excellent for the special session. I would like to see it a little tighter for the regular session but it solves one of our two major problems, and shortly after Senator DeCamp is done and if he is successful with this one, I am going to make one more proposal to you and that will be that you raise the number of votes required to suspend our rules from three-fifths to two-thirds because the one and only legitimate function of that ability to suspend the rules for us has been that that is our means to end the filibuster. If we adopt the cloture rule, then we can change the suspension rule which causes us many problems I think in the eyes of the public and I would like to address that more a little bit later but I hope for a number of reasons that you will support Senator DeCamp on this particular amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I move the question.