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PRESIDENT: I didn't hear you.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 9 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carried and debate ceases. Senator DeCamp, you may close.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Beutler, I want you to know I didn't almost plagiarize. I took the whole thing from you, completely. Senator Beutler and I had a meeting the other night and we discussed some of the rules and new ideas to try for the special session and he brought up the three-fifths on suspension of the rules or whatever number he is up to, forty, fifty, eighty. He brought up the idea that he wants to try that and I said, "Fine, I will sure support you on it", and then he brought up the cloture idea and I said, "Sure", and that is why I included it because I thought we were going to adopt these as a package hopefully before we started this but I think maybe this is a good chance to experiment with the concept of cloture for the first time in the Legislature and you will know, as he pointed out, that eight hours is an incredible amount, and that is eight hours at each stage, General, Select, Final, so on and so forth, so I guess I have to think if you are dealing with a pretty narrow issue, you have got more than enough debate that you can amend, you can kill, you can advance, whatever, and I repeat again, we are narrowed down now if we were to adopt the rest of these to the issues brought to us by the Governor. If he is right, I am sure he will reap the benefits. If he is wrong, just like any of us when we are wrong, we reap the other harvest. So I would urge you to adopt this on the theory that it is something to try at least once.

PRESIDENT: The question then is the adoption of amendment #3 to the rules. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 40 ayes, 7 nays on adoption of the motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The third amendment to the rules is adopted. Now we have one more, as I understand it, #4. Senator DeCamp.