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the rules or suspend the rules so that we can introduce a bill. Right now nobody can but I am going to offer something to try to rectify that in case you adopt Senator Beutler's amendment which I remember classifies being unnecessary and silly.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would call the question.

PRESIDENT: 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. We are voting on shall debate cease on the Beutler amendment to the rules. Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, the motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Beutler, you may close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, let me just make a couple of short points. First of all, for those of you who have an interest in the cloture rule, keep in mind that even though we have that rule it is still possible for someone to put up a motion to suspend the rules and cut off debate even shorter than the period of time provided for in that cloture rule. And for those of you who are then interested in protecting a long debate period under the cloture rule, you should also be interested in making it more difficult to suspend the rules. I have talked a little bit about the importance of making this rule tougher with regard to our public image and with regard to the way the public perceives our procedures and whether they are fair and whether they are businesslike. But the final point I would make, and I feel this is very true, that some of the bitterest feelings and some of the greatest unhappiness in our own interpersonal relationships in this Legislature derives from abusive procedure and attempts by one or another of us to use methods by suspending the rules to cut out procedures that we have all agreed upon were the fair procedures to use at the beginning of the year. And so I think it would have another beneficial effect on this body if we made it more difficult to suspend the rules. I think it would create amongst the group a better feeling, a greater sense that we are handling things with intrinsic fairness. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to the rules. All those in favor vote aye,