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not the amendment, but on the bill would then be taken without further debate. If Senator Moore agrees that that is a maybe oversimplified but necessarily true explanation of a procedure which would, in fact, take place under this amendment, I stand corrected, but as I understand it, that is how it would work and I would now like to turn to Senator Moore for further explanation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. For those of you listening outside the Chamber and those of you in the Chamber, as you are aware, this is our annual debate over whether or not this Unicameral Legislature should have a cloture rule. The rule that Senator Lynch just explained is indeed the rule that, well, actually this body adopted during the special session of 1981. During a budget session at that time, this body voted to impose a cloture rule just that special session. Since that time, we have had several debates dealing with this, and it seems like every time we debate it at the beginning of the regular session, the interest simply is not there, but even though that we never adopt a cloture rule, at some time during the ensuing session, we always get around and talk and wish we had one. I think the right thing to do is for us to spend some time this morning, today, or this week, whichever, to seriously debate whether or not we should have a cloture rule, and I don't think our present system now with how you suspend the rules to stop debate is the right way to shut off debate. If we are going to actually have a way to shut off debate, we should have it in the rules and invoke that cloture rule when it is necessary. Now the rule as written, simply says after eight hours of the debate, eight hours of debate on any stage of debate, so, in essence, you could have 24 hours of debate in total, but eight hours on a given stage before we can even invoke the cloture rule. Now the United States Senate is one place that does not have a cloture rule. There is a body where people can filibuster as long as they so choose, and sometimes that is, indeed, a romantic. Probably all of us in here at some point of time have seen the movie, "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington" where Jimmy Stewart filibusters on and on and on until he is ready to drop. At that time, that filibuster was successful. Well, you can, you know, that was one case where it was successful. But, usually, that filibuster is an harassment and a waste of time, and if you remember last year, Senator Marge Higgins, the previous senator from the 9th District, if my