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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I am not going to die this session over this motion, and I want the new senators to realize that you are enshrining me in your rules if you adopt this, because I am the only person it is aimed at, but I am going to say, without any false modesty, that it is impossible for you to craft any rule that is going to stop me from talking as long as I choose to talk about any issue that comes before this Legislature. Let me take eight hours on General File, then nobody else can discuss it, and I assure you that I can put together enough amendments to talk eight hours if it is my intention to do that to show that it can be done. Then, on Select File, to prevent me from doing that, others will have to offer a list of amendments to stop me, but they cannot move for cloture in less than eight hours. So others are fainthearted, they are weak, and they will be intimidated into pulling their amendments, but I won't and I will be there lurking like the spider in his web inviting the fly to enter, and I will put my amendments up there, and I will take eight hours on Select. Then when you get to Final Reading, I will take eight hours there, too, but we have another place where there can be discussion. If we are going to move it to one of these E & R places, I can challenge some of these E & R amendments. So if you are going to degenerate it into a game of who can checkmate Ernie, you are going to have to come up with new rule changes every year.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Moore mentioned one example and it is a bill that has been very controversial throughout its legislative existence, and since it has been enacted into law. So if you insist on passing this, I can't stop you, but before you do, we are going to have a little more discussion of it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, then Senator Schmit. Oh, excuse me, the Clerk has an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Moore would move to amend the Rules Committee amendment. Senator, I have the one identified as number one. It adds the word "introducer" in line 8, "principal introducer", I am sorry.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore.