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but I don't think a rule suspension order is the right way to do this. I think we should stick this debate out and I know Senator Chambers has some serious amendments he wants to offer and I think that's in order but I hope in time, in good time we will consider Senator Chambers' amendment and then sometime today take a vote on this issue. With that, I will withdraw this motion.

PRESIDENT: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Clerk, for the record, would you read what the amendment says.

CLERK: Senator, your amendment would read as follows. "Strike the last sentence of the committee amendment found on page 34."

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm going to read for you that sentence that I would strike. "A motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of cloture shall not be in order." Senator Moore, would you...do you agree with this amendment or do you disagree with it?

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I disagree with it because if you allow that to be in there, you could suspend the rules to move for cloture after right now, after a half hour of debate. Now that's not my intention. It's a short term thing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Moore, how many votes does it take to suspend any rule in the book?

SENATOR MOORE: Thirty.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How many votes would it take to suspend the cloture rule itself?

SENATOR MOORE: Thirty.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if somebody indeed wanted to invoke