to justify something that which the something to be justified does not even apply to. That's what we're doing here and we do it at the beginning of every session. At some point, it should be recognized that this Legislature is not a house of Congress. It is neither the House of Representatives nor is it the Senate and there have been attempts by people to try to make this Legislature approximate in appearance and its rules things that they have in Congress because they think it sounds good, but it does not work. If there were a serious issue and I felt it needed to be discussed and I am the only person who sees it as being serious, I will use every means within the rules, and the means are there, to discuss that issue. What has to be recognized is that not every person has the heard instinct. Not every person says because the bulk of the body seems to be going one direction and they feel they have a right to go that direction, that, therefore, takes away my right to go the direction I feel I should go. There should be 49 people in the Legislature such as myself so that these mea culpas would not be made such as I believe this but in my district they don't so, Ernie, I'm glad you will raise those issues and discuss them because they need to be in the record but I can't vote for it. You all have probably heard senators come up to you and tell you the same thing. So why don't we just discard these kind of discussions every session? The reason we don't is because every senator has a right to offer any amendment that he or she chooses. But any time a senator decides to exercise that right, I am going to exercise my equivalent right to discuss it and deal with it in the way that I think appropriate. My motion would simply bring reality to our rules. Strike that sentence. If a majority of the body equaling 30 members wants to have cloture, they will just suspend the rule and do it anyway. Debate has been cut off without a rule such as this. So if you insist on having the rule anyway, at least take the last sentence out, which is really, I think, totally ineffectual. But if that's the way you want to put your rules in the book, that's the way you want to vote, you're welcome to do it. say these things for the sake of the record so that nobody who votes for it, and I will bring it back to haunt you later in the session, can say that he or she did not know the significance of this sentence or the lack of significance or that it could so easily be circumvented. If you have got 30 who want to do something, they can suspend every rule in this book if they want And they can do it with one vote if they choose. I tried the first day to bring about a kinder, gentler Moore, session ...