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

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please. The call is raised.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, for those who are following, if you turn to page 34, the amendment that I'm offering would be in the next to the last sentence and the words would be, after the word "order"...Mr. Clerk, would you read what those words are so that they will be just what I wrote?

CLERK: In the second from the last sentence strike all language after the word "order" and insert, "on the same day.", Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, the effect of these words, is that a motion to cloture, to obtain cloture, would be in order only one time on the same day. If you make a motion to bracket, that can only be made one time on the same day. This motion is of far greater substance than that. So why are you going to allow the motion to be made time after time after time? If the body is not of a mind to vote cloture, then you should get your shot that day and that should be it. So the purpose of this motion that I am offering is to amend this rule, this proposed rule change, so that a motion for cloture can be made only once on the same day.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, your light's on, are you in the...I don't see you at the moment. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, this amendment is a little more, in my opinion, a little more damaging than Senator Chambers' last amendment because the way that the rule now reads, the proposed rule now reads that after eight hours you may make a motion to invoke cloture. If you are unsuccessful, in another hour after it's sunk in a little bit more how long you're sitting around you can make it again. And if you would adopt Senator Chambers' amendment, you know, just once a day could you stop and have a chance at the filibuster. I don't think that's wrong...I don't think that's right. I think after eight hours of debate, after someone has filed amendments and held the body hostage for eight hours, you know, just once a day is not the proper time to be able to have the chance to shut off debate. I think the ninth hour, and the tenth hour and the