

session when you're going to wish you had a cloture rule and knew there would be a time. Some of you are going to know there's a time. Thirty people voted no on that. Thirty people said that, no, we're not going to have a rule on the books where you can close off debate. Thirty people voted no on that. This particularly bill, LB 769, we debated...we started debating on April 24th, two and a half weeks ago. I don't know how many hours we have debated this, probably 10, 15, 20, I don't know. But the fact of the matter is I just wanted to use the opportunity to say that we do not have a rule in our rule books that allows you to shut debate off. And I think it's...it's a sad day when every time, you know, on a certain issue like this that unfortunately this vote here is not going to be on the rules of procedure, it's going to be on the issue here. I don't think it should be that way because it's frustrating to me that every year there comes a time when we wish there was a way we can...we can stop a filibuster and more often than not that filibuster happens to be Senator Chambers, but this body refuses to put a rule on the books that allows us to do this. And so, for that reason, I am not wild about supporting Senator Labeledz's reconsideration motion. I will see what I will do. I want to make it perfectly clear that once again remember this and come next January I will probably try and remind you again and you will forget about it and you will refuse to put a cloture rule on the books once again. I just couldn't pass an opportunity to get that little jab in.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Langford is announcing the presence of 30 fourth grade students from Wood River Elementary in Wood River with their teachers. They are in the north balcony. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're pleased to have you as our guests this morning. Senator Weihing, please.

**SENATOR WEIHING:** Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this activity of ours is a personal affront to the constituents of all of our districts. We have a considerable amount of legislation that should have been acted upon that is not being acted upon. I think you better examine your consciences as to what we should be doing here on the body. We know that we are deadlocked and absolutely deadlocked and that to continue on with this will just be continuous debate. The same thing is being said over and over and over again. This is not a budget bill which we must have to pass. It is an issue, a social issue, and social issues gradually change and they do need deep