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least 25 members to cease debate. Where five or less people, on the other hand, indicate that they do not want to cease debate, it would take a majority of those on the floor and voting. Without reading anything else or from the rules, that is the intent and purpose of this particular rule change which was unanimously passed to the floor in the Rules Committee.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, then Senator Withem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I object to this particular rule change, and I will not vote to support it. To cease debate, even though there are a number of times when a motion to cease is made and a lot of people are not on the floor, there are various reasons that people have for not being on the floor, and I don't think that the value of a vote should be weighted, w-e-i-g-h-t-e-d, if one person can place the house...can make a motion to place the house under call. One person can move to cease debate; one person, five people should not be the ones to determine whether or not a majority of the body will be required to vote in a way that carries the day. A motion should require a certain number of votes, period. Either it should take a majority of the elected members to cease debate, which is what I think should be the case, or it should not, but it should not be a conditional rule saying that if unless there are five votes, five nay votes, then less than a majority of the elected members can cease debate. This is not like placing the house under call where you may not have enough members to constitute a majority of all of us, even if everyone in the Chamber wants to place the house under call. If there is one person in the Chamber and that one person moves to place the house under call, then votes to do so, the house is under call and that is as it should be. The purpose of that amendment is to allow business to proceed, that motion to place the house under call. The motion to cease debate is a very important and serious move that is to be taken when the motion is offered. I think it should continue to require a majority of the elected members. Why should five people make a difference? Why not four? Why not 12? Why not 10? The rules should not be conditional. Either it should take a majority of us to cease debate or it shouldn't. I am going to oppose this motion. I can understand frustration that people feel, but frustration is not a reason to change the rules of the Legislature, and I don't think frustration is a valid justification for changing this rule.