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method available to have thorough and full debate, you'd want to be in a position to cut those people off.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: For the reasons that I have stated and others that I have iterated in the past that I will not reiterate at this point, Senator Moore, young Senator Moore, I am going to say that I am opposed to this proposition and I hope that we vote it down.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, would you like to close? There are no other lights on.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Labeledz, why don't you get my first minute, if you have...okay. Well, I'd have no desire to hold up the body to talk about this, and I think it is rather simple what it is we are talking about. I know Senator Chambers, as he has done in other years, you know, stated...tried to plant that seed of doubt in your mind on the workability of this rule. As I said, it is the same text we have had before similar to the text this Legislature, itself, adopted in an earlier special session in the early eighties. I think it is, indeed, workable. The fact of the matter is this is not geared toward Senator Chambers, individually. As you remember, Senator Marge Higgins held the body hostage on a very...you know, on the last day we could deal with bills on Select File a couple of years ago. There has been others besides Senator Chambers this would affect. I think, as all of you folks know, you know, this year for a variety of reasons we are concerned about issues taking a long time. Now I don't...I do not bring this rule because those issues that are out there that I am scared of dealing with. The fact of the matter is every year, it is kind of like going to the dentist, every year we come in here, well, at the end of session, we have this protracted struggle over needing a cloture rule. We don't have one. It is kind of like going to the dentist where you go to the dentist and you have a toothache. They drill on you, you are painful. You walk out of the dentist's office and say, hey, I am going to floss daily from now on so that I don't have that pain again, I am going to brush my teeth three times a day, I am not going to let it happen again. Well, after two or three months, you've fallen back into your bad habits because you don't have that dentist appointment right there, so it is another six months or a year before you go back and you forget about it. And then by the time you go back