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PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Barrett.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, while everybody is so willing to adopt a motion such as this for their pet bills, I have some pet bills that I think ought to be advanced the same way. And once we decide that this is the process we're going to use, then I think it's open to every...in fact I know it's open to everybody. And I'm going to repeat what I said when we started getting into these tangled discussions. I'm not opposed to anybody doing anything allowed by the rules, that's the first and cardinal point that I must make. The second is that I also am going to do everything allowed to me under the rules. So, if a process is initiated by others, those others should not be offended, should they, Senator Schmit, if somebody agrees that it's a good idea and maybe want to latch onto it and acknowledge that they learned something. And Senator Schmit is nodding in the affirmative with my statement, because he's one of those who crafted this procedure. And you know as I think about it I like it, offers a lot of possibilities. And since we've reached the point where we're going to match wills and match wits, and the rules of the game have been provided to us by those who offered this first attempt to change the Speaker's order and suspend the rules, I'm going to acknowledge that I'm learning something, too, even though, Senator Schmit, on one occasion I did move, with the assistance of the Legislature, a host of noncontroversial consent file bills. That was not an achievement of any note or significance compared to what would be done here today under your and Senator Labeledz's motion. If I wore a hat, I would take my hat off to you. I can stand any kind of fallout based on a move that is made by the Legislature to advance a lot of bills, because that is my style. People would just say, wow, Ernie did it again, even if I'm not the architect of it. But I'm wondering what the rest of them will do in their districts when they vote on this, because you know we're going to have a roll call vote so we'll have a record of everybody who voted that way. Then we'll have to maybe have the opportunity to think again about what we did on this, so that I can be sure that it's what the Legislature really wants to do. Then when I'm thoroughly persuaded that this is really what we want to do, I'm going to be a good sport about the whole thing. I'm not going to pick up all my little papers, and my rule book, and my statute book that I brought down here today and run down to my office and sulk, no. I'm going to demonstrate that no