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SENATOR DIERKS: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do, and the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Schmit, did you wish to close? No closing? Senator Labeledz, if you would return to the Chamber, please. You have returned. Did you wish to close, Senator Labeledz? Okay.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Spent most of the morning lobbying and I am admitting to that, talking to most of the senators. I can't recall who it was the other day, but I believe it was Senator Schimek and she gave a very eloquent speech, and I can't recall whether it was Senator Smith's or Senator Pirsch's bill, where she said give the senator a chance, let the bills...it is a priority bill, the senator's priority bill, and that is important to each and every one of us because that is a big decision that we make in the first place whether or not we would be able to hear our priority bills on General File. I know that when we come to Final Reading, we are going to have the same problem, that there will be those that will not want to read all the bills on Final Reading, and I am not one of them. If this goes, I will be more than happy to vote to suspend the rules, even though I have several amendments, at least 40 or 50, on Final Reading on some of the bills, but I would be more than willing to vote to suspend the rules and let the bills be read on Final Reading. Senator Schmit, do you need any of my time?

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Only just to say this, Mr. President, we all know that last Friday this body spent a lot of time on a bill. We know that the opponents of the bill used the rules as they saw fit, as was in their prerogative. Certainly, Senator Labeledz, her motion, has not stretched the rules. There is a rule in item number six that does the same thing. Certainly most of us would have preferred to have exercised the normal procedure. Since that procedure does not seem to work, we use the extraordinary procedures, and in answer to those who say I wish we could have worked these things out, many times