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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise to support Senator Barrett on this motion. I think we all need to remember, just like he stated, that these bills have all had two debates. They have been amended. They have been voted upon. I think that Speaker Barrett is being very fair with us. I happen to have a bill on here that's very important and I think that in order to move these bills this session we need to suspend the rules. I cannot imagine any bill having 50 legitimate amendments being proposed. I mean, if you're going to put up an amendment, it should at least be a legitimate amendment, otherwise it shouldn't even be proposed. It just doesn't make sense to have a bill with that many amendments on to even be discussed. So I would certainly support this motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, I, too, rise to support Senator Barrett's motion and also would like to use this time to just...Senator Hall is here, maybe now is the time I'm going to give my cloture rule speech. You know, just I have sat here for the last two weeks as we have debated and different senators on both sides, different issues, have tied us up in knots and failed to let us go anywhere. That's fine, that's the way the process should work. I don't fault anyone for doing that, particularly I don't fault anyone for doing that when every year at the beginning of the session we talk about whether or not we are going to have a way to cease debate. We talk about that every year and every year I introduce it and Senator Chambers gets up and growls and goes "whatever you do, I will find a way around." And if you adopt...if you're serious about adopting the cloture rule that day, on a given day, Senator Chambers threatens to filibuster right then and there. And then every year at least, I've introduced it for three years, I know prior to that other senators introduced it and every year we fail to adopt it, with the exception of the one year in special session when the body, to basically silence one member of the Appropriations Committee, did adopt a cloture rule. We don't have one. We always say, well, this is...it's different this year, it's not going to happen. We're not going to have someone filibuster and tie us in knots. That happens every year and every year it inevitably does happen. And the problem with that is, you know, there's a variety of problems. One is that, you know, I go home like you go home, people say, you know, what are