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SENATOR WITHEM: I apologize. That's fine.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, I just wanted to point out some...my friend up here in the front row is going to say, look, Howard, you voted, you voted to suspend the rules this morning and you're not going to suspend it this afternoon, I'm telling why. I'm telling you because on General File you have got another couple chances to fix up the bill, even though you suspend the rules and send it over. When you get down here to Final Reading that's the end, that's the end. And so what I'm saying is that I believe Senator Barrett's logic is exactly wrong in that he says it's okay with Final Reading but not on General File. You know, that's absolutely backwards because on General File when you advance a bill you have got another couple chances to fix it. Here, as Senator Hannibal has brought up, if we don't find the error in the bills right now before this motion is passed, then that's the last opportunity, there's not another opportunity to bring that to anybody's attention and I think that's a major difference between the two motions.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, please, followed by...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, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Barrett, did you wish to close on your motion?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I appreciate the remarks that have been made by everyone, including Senator Lamb. As I tried to point out in my opening, there are those of you who will agree with this motion, there are those of you who will disagree. That's the process and that's the purpose for our being here. My motion is very, very well intentioned. My job is to find options. My job is to be innovative. My job is to keep the process moving. That's exactly what I'm trying to do. If you want to read these bills this afternoon, vote yes. If you don't, vote no. It's that simple. Thirty votes. I hope you agree with me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is to suspend the rules for