

everything humanly possible to express everyone's opinion on this Special Session. We have spent an hour and a half on one issue. Now, if we allow amendments and debate, two things could possibly happen. An amendment, for example, could be brought back, good, bad or indifferent, and adopted. Then that throws the Special Session into next week. We could stand here and debate amendments and motions until ten o'clock tonight. And, quite frankly, I feel that people are going to peel out of here if you have them sit here from nine o'clock this morning until six, seven, eight, nine o'clock tonight. Now, I personally....I realize the reason some of these folks wish to debate...have amendments. They want to work off their frustrations, they want to make a point. But I believe that has all been made. So, at this time, I would like to ask you to support suspending the rules and voting on the bills without further amendment and debate, and that takes 30 votes. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator Withem and Senator Schmit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I wish Senator Haberman wouldn't try to impose his limitations on me. Perhaps there are words he cannot conceive of, but that doesn't mean the same holds true for me. Now, this has been a session where a lot of different positions have been taken, pro and con, on a lot of different issues, and it has been acrimonious to some extent. And I think all of that is good and wholesome because we're dealing with one of the most crucial types of issues confronting the people of this state and certainly this Legislature. Now, Senator Haberman conceded that an amendment may be offered which would be accepted. But, because it might require some additional time to process it, we shouldn't even consider it. He's acknowledging that there could be something defective in one of these bills, and 25 members could see that, if given the opportunity through discussion or the offering of such a corrective amendment, but rather than have to give the time necessary, don't even consider it. Now, I think that is giving a message to the public in line with the things I've said earlier, and in a way I'm pleased he's saying it. These bills probably or perhaps or maybe might pass. But I want the record to be crystal clear on my position on all of this. Senator Haberman mentioned the correct number of votes it takes to suspend the rules. I presume that if the 30 votes are there, then the bills are going to get 30 votes, and the Governor will have had her way and I'll applaud her for that,