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SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, you don't need a motion to cease debate any more. All you need to do is make a motion for cloture, and that ceases debate on the pending amendment.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Then a vote is taken immediately on that pending amendment, even if it has just been offered.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then, regardless of the way that vote goes, the vote on cloture is taken immediately with no debate.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If that vote is unsuccessful, the bill does not continue to be discussed that day.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is a form of cloture, isn't it, except that you're not voting immediately to advance the bill. That, in effect, cuts off debate on the bill for that day, doesn't it.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, you do two things, you cease debate on the pending amendment without a motion to cease debate, and you also terminate debate on the bill itself.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, if the speaker chooses, on that very day, to resume debate, is that possible?

SENATOR LYNCH: That's possible.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, we can go in a circle...

SENATOR LYNCH: No, no, not that day. It wouldn't be possible that same day, Senator.