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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Where, where...how do we get to that?

SENATOR LYNCH: It says it would not be considered that same day. I'll find the language here. The last paragraph, "An unsuccessful motion shall result in the debate on the bill ending for the day." The third...fourth line up from the bottom of the last paragraph.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, but then the very next sentence says, "When the speaker chooses to resume debate on the bill, successive motions for cloture shall not be in order until two additional hours of debate on the bill has occurred." This does not make it clear that the speaker cannot resume debate that day, because it's within the prerogative of the speaker to set the agenda any way he chooses.

SENATOR LYNCH: I think the speaker's action is predetermined for him by the language in the last paragraph, that he cannot, although it's his prerogative to bring it up again, he cannot bring it up for that day. That was the intent of the language.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But that does not say it here.

SENATOR LYNCH: Oh, depends on your mind's eye, what you think and believe, and this is the way I look at it. But I'd be happy to listen to language that would clarify that, if you have some.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Where did the language go, because this is my first...the first that I've seen of this rule, that I read about in the paper about a bill going to the bottom if the attempt to obtain cloture is unsuccessful? Where did that language go?

SENATOR LYNCH: That language was changed at the Friday afternoon informal meeting I already discussed a number of times, Senator Chambers. And it was recommended by a number of people who were concerned about the penalty for moving for the cloture being too severe. And the member of the Rules Committee who recommended that particular is here. He might be able to answer that.

SENATOR WARNER: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who is that member?

SENATOR LYNCH: The distinguished former and now new Senator