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Moore was going to introduce this rule, I wanted to get a feeling from the people in my district in how they feel about it. The feeling I get, again, is, well, fine, maybe you waste a lot of time talking about the issue, but again, you like... For those of you who do not live in Lincoln, perhaps you do not realize how many people watch Educable every day and watch the Legislature in action. And those people pay attention to what we're doing. So, again I have mixed feelings about this particular rule. The one thing that saves it for me is that you have to have 33 votes, and that's not always easy to get 33 votes. You can get 25 pretty quickly some times. The issues that we're going to talk about and that may be filibustered, I think you'll get your 25 or your 33 votes always, depending on who wants what bill. And I don't think a cloture rule is going to make that much difference. And I think that you have some pitfalls in this one. I have discussed it with lawyers, I leave it up to them as to the finer points of some of these rules, because of the fact that they understand the laws and the way parliamentary procedure works perhaps better than I do in certain instances. So, again, I have mixed feelings about it. I still don't know how I'm going to vote when we come to it. We could start a little filibuster going right now on this rule, if we chose to. I could think of a lot of amendments that I might. Thank you, Senator Wesely. Shall we do that? Okay, Don doesn't want to do that, so we won't do that. But I guess it always seems to me that on the cloture we're lining up, immediately, on one side or the other of something, I'm never sure what. So, I want to caution you on voting for this rule, because once it's in there you're going to have to live with it. You may come on the floor some day and there's a bill up that you absolutely hate and you want to get rid of it, and you may not be able to, because you can't get enough people interested in stopping debate, or adding amendments, or whatever it takes to do that. So, again, I don't know what to tell you how to vote because I still don't know how I'm going to. But I did want to speak on this particular one, because among my constituency there is a lot of interest in the cloture rule for various reasons. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Moore, followed by Senators Beutler, Chambers, Hefner, Ashford, Pirsch, Withem, and Wesely. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. President, members, unlike Senator Crosby, I won't hesitate and tell you how to vote, vote yes on