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men, and say, look what we did. What is needed in this Legislature, as much as outside the Legislature, is the opportunity to have full-blown debate. You can count the number of times on one hand when I have engaged in what could really be called a filibuster, and in every instance, information was brought to bear, people were drawn into the discussion, which would not have been the case without that. I am opposed to this change.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Next we will have Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Ashford, Senator Pirsch, and then Senator Withem. And this was the second time that Senator Chambers spoke on this issue. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President, and members of the Legislature, I am going to support this cloture rule. I think it is time that we try to change some of our rules and, remember, folks, rules aren't cast in concrete. So if this doesn't work after a year or so or two years, well, we can certainly change back but I think it is high time we gave the cloture rule a chance to work. I wasn't here a year ago when we were debating it. I had to attend a funeral but I understand that Senator Moore and some of the others got 23 votes for the cloture rule, but I certainly am going to support it this time. I feel that eight hours of debate on a bill or on an amendment is certainly enough. I feel that you can say just about everything that you want to say about a particular issue in eight hours, and then when it comes up for a second stage debate, you'd have another eight hours, and also you would have another eight hours later. So I don't think we are trying to stymie debate. Also on an appropriation bill, you would have twelve hours, and twelve hours certainly is a lot of time when you consider that you are debating one particular issue. When we have committee hearings, I have heard committee chairmen say to the folks that are testifying, please do not be repetitious. Say what you want to say but don't repeat the things that some of the others have said before you. And I think this is a good rule for us to follow here in the Legislature. Why do we want to emphasize a point time after time after time? I don't think it is necessary. But being repetitious does take a lot of time. Also somebody mentioned here we don't have enough protection. Well, I feel we have enough protection because, after eight hours, it would still take two-thirds of the body to approve the cloture procedure, and it is quite a job getting 33 votes in this body. It is hard enough getting 25. So I think we do have