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PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I think Senator Baack when he was interviewed in one of the newspapers on taking the speakership said something that struck me as interesting, something I think we all need, regardless of the issue, regardless of whether it be in the Persian Gulf policy or in Nebraska issues, whether it be on abortion or working with our juveniles, and that is this body, like many Americans, are lacking anymore in the key phrase and that phrase or that word is "patience", patience. The democratic process is never easy. It is the most difficult process in the world. It is much easier to dictate by decree, but what makes democracy work is patience. And over a period of time, right does win.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And majority prevails, whether you have this rule or any other rule.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I will now recognize Senator Pirsch, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR PIRSCH: (Mike not on) ...I want to make it clear to the body that I did not consider all amendments to be frivolous but many on the filibuster process, and we all know the difference on this floor. We know what the difference is. And I am not really worried about Senator Chambers finding an opportunity to speak because he will, and he is very good at that, and we are interested in hearing what he has to say on most occasions. But I am concerned that the minority or that everyone has an opportunity to speak. And as I explained early, sometimes in a filibuster that does not happen because you are too anxious, you are too anxious. So only one side gets heard. On the technical amendments, at every stage we will have eight hours, and that includes Final Reading, to debate and talk, and I think when the body has the opportunity to know of sincere or needed amendments, there is no problem. With that, I guess I would ask for your support.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Now I will recognize Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I would call the question.