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the cloture rule. We vote on the cloture rule first. If, in fact, and cloture is not approved, okay, if cloture is not approved then we simply continue where we left off. And since there will be at least two hours more debate before a cloture petition can be filed again, we would be able to hopefully work our way through that process. Now will not necessarily help you, Senator Bromm, is if cloture is then approved, we agree to it, then the rule would simply stay as it is now unless it is changed, we would then vote on sequence down the line. The reason that I think we need to vote cloture first, and again it's more philosophic but it does have strong implications. Last year, and those of us that have been here a long time understand that if you're trying to filibuster for eight hours, and by the way, since we've had cloture we've had many, many more filibusters than we ever had without cloture was the argument I made against cloture in the first place that it would actually make it easier to filibuster. Anybody can filibuster for eight hours. Not many people have the courage to filibuster the entire session. So since it's easier we have more filibusters, but the traditional filibuster technical way of doing it is you divide the question. If you divide the question then you want to have amendments to each one of those questions that have been divided and amendments to the amendment. The problem that we have now is if you had an issue as we had three times, I believe, last year where you had an issue divided three ways, that if you're on the middle division, if you're on the middle division, the way the process now is, is that the petition to cloture is filed and if we have an amendment and the amendment to the amendment to the middle division, now I know it gets complicated but see if you can follow along with me. The way the rule now is we vote on the amendment to the amendment, then the amendment and then the middle division and that's it, nothing else. Then we vote on cloture. If, for example, which has happened in the past as much as the other, if cloture is not received, if there are not enough votes for cloture you then have eliminated the middle section for amendment because that's already been voted on and agreed to. You can't go back and amend that again. You have to then go to the other one, to the next divided question. It doesn't make any sense for that to happen. If we don't do cloture, nothing has been changed, we should continue exactly where we left off. Okay? So the motion to the amendment I have at this point would simply say the following, that once the cloture petition is filed...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.