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stopping one person it does not stop that person but it gums up the works. I haven't asked you to change the cloture rule in order for me to do what I want to do. Those of you who put the cloture rule in place are the ones who have to keep coming back because it hasn't done what you want it to do. It hasn't gagged me and even this will not do that. So I would like to see Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment adopted. Then I'd like us to do what Senator Beutler readily point out has to be done and that is to further refine what is left of the rule. If we adopt Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment then it puts pressure on us to work this rule so...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that it does make sense.

SENATOR LINDSAY: There are no one else wishing to...Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Mr. President, excuse me, we're at one of those junctures right now where it is necessary to prolong the discussion so that we can reach a consensus as to how we're going to deal with this issue. So it would be a preposterous thing to do to adopt a rule which might be designed to limit discussion when at the very time we're considering that rule it's necessary to prolong the discussion. This is microcosm of what is going to happen during the session when very big issues come before us. It's not going to be possible to have a very brief presentation of a bill, take a vote on it and have it go the way you would desire. There are competing interests. But again, now that we're at the point where we're drafting the rule the logic is on the side of Senator Bernard-Stevens. If the purpose of cloture is to cut it off, take that vote first and that's what his amendment does. It removes all these preliminary votes because conceivably you could vote yes on all these preliminary votes, then vote against cloture. That doesn't make any sense. In the past all I've tried to do when a cloture proposal would come before us is to speak against it. I had made up my mind at one point that I would let the illogic stay there and then ridicule and taunt the Legislature when they were caught in the stupidity that they forged. But I believe Senator Bernard-Stevens is making a sincere effort to bring logic to this illogical rule and even though the main purpose is to try to apply it to me, I think that it ought to be done in the way that Senator Bernard-Stevens