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arbitrariness of a blatant kind is restricted as much as possible. I have been in this Legislature for a couple dozen years, and I have seen the same person rule contrary ways on a point of order. I am not willing to allow a proposal such as this to go into the rule book without offering strenuous opposition, and anything that I can do to prevent it. When Senator Crosby spoke earlier about my activities last session, I had mentioned it the other day that nobody challenged my speaking on and on, because I do have the stamina. And I can say, contrary to what she said, Senator Brown, there were people enjoying what I had to say. I'm a very engaging speaker. I have a lot of wit and humor, and I'm very humble, too. But we define words...humbleness, as beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. But that's why, Senator Maurstad, one minute they feel like taking my head off, and I'll only have two minutes left to talk, but by the time I finish my two minutes they might be kind of chuckling with me. We know this is a rough and tumble set of circumstances in which we operate, and people have different methods by which they make their point. And mine is suited to the talents and abilities that I have, and I'm not going to try to change what I am to become like somebody else or to please anybody else. I believe what little "Ricky-Tick" Nelson said, he said, you can't please everyone, so you got to please yourself. I quote Ricky Nelson today because I've been quoting some of the better known black artists in the past and I want to show you that I listen to all music. But I got to quote Louie Armstrong, another black musician, who said there are only two kinds of music, good music and bad music. So whether they subdivide it into country, hillbilly, rhythm and blues, rock and roll, makes no difference, if it's good, it's good. All music is, if it's good, is a concord of sweet sounds that can soothe the savage breast. That's good music. Bad music is when Senator Witek tries to sing anything. (Laughter.) I presume she cannot sing,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but she might be able to. The simple purpose to be sought by this amendment that I'm offering is to restrict the amount of arbitrariness that will take place under this proposed change if you adopt it. I'm against that change, even if you adopt my amendment to it, but mine will restrict its scope to some extent. If a motion or an amendment has such validity that it will be in order, if offered by somebody else, it should not be out of order if offered by me, even if I've