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declaring the amendments dilatory. And in the event that those kinds of tactics were clearly being used, that's what I think we would all expect the Speaker to do, not to pull it further from the agenda and to simply, after consultation, declare the amendments dilatory. In any event, however you view it, it certainly doesn't create the possibility of any more delay than what we have under our current rules. Under our current rules, for those of you who are new, and this is especially...an especially frustrating process when we get to the last ten days of the session and there is a lot of good things you've all worked on, all year long, sitting there, at that point in time, under our current rules, you're sitting there the last ten days, only a couple of days to process things on General File, only a couple of days Select File, you've got a lot of Final Reading. Somebody can file a whole series of amendments, 20, 30, 40, I've seen 50 or 60 filed, and you're stymied. The cloture rule doesn't solve that problem at the end of the session because you're a prisoner of time, nor does a suspension of the rules solve the problem if the filibusterer is clever enough to file his amendments before such a motion can be filed. And so we really don't have a balancing mechanism. And again, I think, as Senator Bromm has pointed out, it's not to curtail free speech, but to set up some sense of balance in this Legislature which we do not currently have. It is true, as I've mentioned before, as has been suggested by people on both sides of this argument, that this is not going to end filibustering. However, it will do a number of things, including focusing on exactly what is happening. It will discourage in many ways filibustering. It will be particularly hard on filibusters that are done by just one individual or two individuals. And to say that the problem can never be solved is simply not true. The problem can be solved. The question is, are those who are abusing the process going to drive this legislative body to absolute authority in the Speaker? Because in the end that's how the problem gets solved. And I think the experience of last session, I think from that experience the people who are here and experienced it would say we need a little more balance. And I think that by passing this amendment you're giving...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...the message to all in the body that we want a little more restraint, we want a little more common sense, we want a little less intimidation, we want a little less arrogance in how things are dealt with, especially towards the end of the