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give some power to the Speaker. You've got to give some power to the Speaker if this is really going to work. Well, folks, you now have before you the alternatives. You can adopt Senator Maurstad's amendment, and I'm not against it. And, in that case, you will probably have done about as much as you can do to clamp down on dilatory amendments, and you will have empowered the Speaker considerably more than the committee's proposition would. That's your first alternative. And now you have the choice. You can do that. Your second alternative is to take the half-way step that will have the effect of dampening filibustering, but probably will not have the effect of ending it altogether. It's principal effect will probably be the message that you give to those who use that method excessively that this Legislature is willing to move towards more Draconian methods for controlling dilatory motions. That would probably be its principal purpose. Or the third thing you can do is nothing at all, and if you do nothing at all, then the gap will not be filled and come springtime when you should be feeling good and you discover that, through methods of intimidation, your bill has been gutted, or worse, that you can't even get your bill to a vote, then once again you're going to be feeling that frustration and feeling in the summertime that winter of discontent which, come January, people will hope to...will hope you will have forgotten. And I'm just hoping that you have not forgotten and that you remember that something needs to be done, and that you will either take one progressive step to do that in the form of the committee amendment or you can take an even more serious step to do it now in the form of Senator Maurstad's amendment. Now is the time, the question is before you and I am sure we're going to have an interesting continuing debate. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'm opposed to this amendment. I have debated the rules changes down through the years and I do feel a lot of them are directed at me and my approaches. But we have spent considerable time these early days of this session wrangling, when I will say again we should follow Senator Schimek's suggestion and leave the rules alone. But since that's not going to be done, I'm not going to continue wasting my time on these debates. You can put any rule in place that you want to. I'm going to say things in the record so that they will be there but I'm going to say this one thing and I mean it. The first time one of these rules is