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Jefferson indicated that Talleyrand speaks English as well as Livingston does not speak French. So they wouldn't have to have an interpreter between the two of them when they were discussing confidential matters. It would be something like Senator Witek ask Senator Withem, are you telling me the truth? Well, Livingston would ask Talleyrand, you're representing France's interest, I'm representing America's, do you promise to tell me the truth? And Talleyrand would tell him, certainly. Well, maybe Thomas Jefferson had wished, at that point, that he could have been the representative of America in France to match wits with Talleyrand because this man was supposed to have a very good, quick, agile mind. I said all that to say this, I'm going to have the opportunity, with the rules changes that are being adopted, to see whether or not I will be able to function in this Legislature in the way that I have in the past and obtain concessions in the way that I have in the past. Senator Maurstad, I have said on occasion that odds of 48 against 1 are about fair when I am the one. And I feel that that is what has developed, that it is me against all of you, all of you against me, and that is the way I propose to conduct myself during this session of the Legislature. I cannot get a bill or any other thing passed without at least 24 of your votes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But since you all are against me, that's not likely to happen. And since I'm against all of you, I have got to put the hurt on your and your constituents that you are trying to put on me and mine. And, as we proceed this morning, I'm going to give a foretaste of how I propose to do that. But, by the way, I'm opposed to all this tinkering with the cloture rule because I'm opposed to it, but I think Senator Bernard-Stevens' offering, which will bring logic to whatever you do, is something that the body ought to adopt if it's going to have a cloture rule.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I rise in support of the Withem amendment. The proposal that came out of the Rules Committee, I think, at least on my part, was an effort to get the issue out on the floor and get some clarification because there was a considerable amount of discussion last year and difference of opinion about how the Chair should rule on this and the Chair had to make a ruling and did. And we do have that