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earlier today, cleans that up so the process, if this amendment is agreed to, the process would be that we vote on...once cloture is filed, you vote on cloture in the beginning. And if cloture fails, then you basically pick up right where you left off. If cloture is successful, then you do the sequence that we have talked about already in the past. Senator Withem's amendment was just recently agreed to so the motion...the amendment before you includes the Withem amendment. So this would also include the Withem amendment that we just agreed upon, which would, obviously, say that a vote will be taken on the original amendment if that had been done...if that had previously been divided. I urge adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I have no lights on. Is the body satisfied to vote without further debate? Okay, there being no lights on, Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you wish to close? Closing has been waived. The question then is the adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment to amendment 10. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have all voted who care to vote? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment to the Rules Committee amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The amendment to the amendment passes. Are there further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further pending to this proposal, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, we're back to the main body of amendment 10, as amended. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I will never vote yes for a cloture rule. This that is before you now does present a logical statement of how the cloture rule should work if you intend to have one. But I cannot vote in favor of it because I'm not in favor of cloture, just as I never vote in favor of ceasing debate on individual issues. So I'm going to vote against it. But if you're intent on having a cloture rule, this one would bring more respect to the Legislature, if somebody took the time to read it, than what is currently in the rules. I want to add another little bit to what I was saying about Thomas Jefferson and those people because I couldn't tell the rest of the story. Thomas Jefferson