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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President, I rise in opposition to the motion from the Speaker. I realize what the intention is, but I think that the motion is untimely. I think it's untimely because of the demonstration that the body has put on this evening, showing that we do have an attention span that will allow us to examine critically provisions of this bill which is being proposed to us and to make changes that we deem appropriate. I don't think we're done with that process and if we're unable to complete that process on Select File, it will complicate Final Reading. I think we have made a number of very, very desirable and appropriate changes in the bill. I proposed a couple of amendments that were defeated. I think they would have been good changes. I can't tell you what other amendments are still pending. Senator Hall alluded to a couple of them. I believe Senator Hall is correct in a couple of the matters that he indicates through amendments he wants to raise to the body, in particular one of the issues he has raised I have discussed that with another senator who has the same concerns that the powers granted in that provision are too broad and can potentially be ill used and abused. There are still, there are still legitimate issues to be discussed about this bill. I'm willing to stay here till twelve o'clock, I don't care. I've eaten a couple of Senator Vrtiska's candy bars, we've only got about an hour and a half to go, doesn't make any difference to me as long as we are making substantive changes, as long as we were having a reasoned and sensible debate about the issues involved in this bill. It's my judgment that we're still having that. If we fail to have that at some point in time, I would be willing to vote for suspension, but that time has not arisen yet and I'll vote against the motion.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, ever since I've been in the Legislature I've been against these attempts to cut off debate. People get tired, their nerves get frazzled, I understand that. But we're here to do a job and we need to be in better physical and mental condition. I drive back and forth between Omaha and Lincoln every day. I don't sponge off the lobbyists, I don't go out to eat, I don't do any of the recreating, I don't go sleep in the lounge, I don't fall asleep in committee hearings. When I'm at a committee, I participate, I ask questions, I come up on