

this floor and I have probably as much physical strain on me as anybody in this place would have and yet I've never, even on one of my bills, made a motion to cease debate. I've never voted to cease debate except one time by mistake. I thought we were voting on an issue that I supported and it was to cease debate and I felt chastened and chagrined. But this idea of saying I've got the power and I'm going to show it to you, and it is done, should stop you all from ever getting irritated at me no matter what I do or what I say because this shows that you all believe that might makes right, but the way we say it in my community, white makes right. If white people decide the rules go out the door, fine, and nothing is wrong with it. White people get tired, well, throw the whole thing out. I almost said one of those words that sometimes Senator Hall says. I didn't even know I still had them in my recollection. When I was a kid I said them all. That's when I was trying to be religious. Then when I overthrew my religion I stopped even thinking that kind of language. But I'm going to read from page 378 of the Legislative Journal. Mr. Chambers requested a record vote on the adoption of the permanent rules as amended for the Ninety-Fourth Legislature, First Session. Voting in the affirmative, 27, Avery, Beutler, Brashear, Bromm, Brown, Coordsen, Crosby, Cudaback, Dierks, Elmer, Engel, Hillman, Janssen, Jensen, Kristensen, Maurstad, Pedersen, Pirsch, Preister, Robinson, Schellpeper, Schmitt, Schrock, Stuhr, Wesely, Wittek, Withem. Voting in the negative, one, Chambers. I never vote to adopt the rules, but I play by them. You all get tired of your rules and you say things are not going my way so I want to suspend them and that's allowed under the rules. It is. But when you all do it, it has dignity, it's all right. All that I have tried to do since I've been in this Legislature is force people to think about these issues and deal with the ones that are serious in the way we ought to. This is the crowning indignity. Our process has already been distorted by keeping us here in the way we've been kept here but I will stay. I can endure anything any of you all can endure and I don't have to do it in relays, say I'm tired, so I'm going to sit this one out and you carry our issue for us. I don't do that. I stay here and I battle with you all and I'll continue to do it and I'll always have my dignity and self-respect intact. And I won't have to be thinking a couple of days from now after I've eaten and slept and feel better, did I handle my office the way I should have? Was it the right thing to let the Chamber of Commerce force me into that position and overturn our procedures and say it's more important to give them what they want than it