

is to think about the integrity of how the Legislature...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...operates? That's why we don't get respect as an institution because we don't respect ourselves. We can fight in here all day like families fight but when it comes to outsiders trying to take from us, the only thing we have with which to do our job, it's wrong for us to let them do it and they have come in here and plundered us again. And now you're going to vote to suspend the rules as the crowning indignity and you can do it. Senator Withem is right. He can rub my face in it and you all can help him. Twenty-nine of you all can join Senator Withem and rub my face in it, but I'm not hurt by it at all. It's not my system, it's yours; not my Legislature, yours; not my rules, I voted against them, yours, and what do you think? I'm tired, nerves are frazzled, suspend the rules, get rid of them, that's the way you all do. You all write rules with a pencil...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and a big eraser, and when you don't like it, you just erase it.

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

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members, I rise in support of the eraser and the motion to suspend the rules. I, too, I was with Senator Hall when that cloture motion first came up and Senator Chambers and some of the others voted against cloture, voted against the procedure. We had this procedure available. I thought filibusters had their time and had their place and I have engaged in one or two myself, but usually when you have one you've got some kind of a goal out there. You have some idea what you're trying to accomplish. And one of the frustrating things here tonight is exactly what is trying to be accomplished. People say we're not trying to stop the Micron bill, but that is the absolutely only...I mean, excuse me, the Micron deal, but that is the only thing that is going to get accomplished. I don't think anybody questions whether the votes are there to pass these bills, these votes are there. All we are doing is delaying when they get passed. I think that is the case. We can talk about how we're trying to improve the bill but I guarantee you some of the senators who were up here