

laid out, that it was understood that we were going to debate up until those cloture motions came if necessary. It hasn't been necessary on each of the bills at each stage. None of the amendments that have been offered have been frivolous. None of the proposals that have been discussed have extended beyond what would be considered just debate for purposes of those issues and yet we are here now saying wait a minute, it's time, we've had enough, we can't do anymore, we're going to suspend the rules. And I would just say that that to a certain extent, whether it was said or unspoken, breaks faith with what those of us who had problems with these proposals, in effect, agreed to. We knew full well that if we were going to make changes they had to be done within that time frame of the cloture motion. No one opposed that. No one railed against cloture on General File. No one said that shouldn't be done because it was within the rules. Everyone expected it. Everyone knew it. And we knew and I think it was spoken that we would now begin the same process on Select File. But suddenly it becomes time to move for whatever reason, I don't know. Maybe we don't want to be here on Saturday I guess. That's fine. Saturday is just another day in the week. We'll come down here and I'll be here and we'll be having fun then. The proposal says we're going to suspend the rules, and as I alluded to earlier, it takes three less votes than cloture. It's a 30 vote proposal as opposed to the 33 for cloture. I guess maybe that as much as anything with regard to the stopping of the debate are the things that irritate me the most. And the amendment, you can look at it when we get to it whether it's tonight or tomorrow. You can see whether there's any value in it. Judge it for yourself. Read the language, listen to the debate. I frankly don't know that it will change anyone's mind, but that doesn't mean we ought to suspend the rules and not allow for the discussion to take place because a lot of times on this floor we put up motions, we put up amendments and we discuss issues because we want to get intent or understanding or purpose into the floor debate. We want the transcript to show that we have talked about this issue in a particular bill. Many times the introducer does that. Many times one of the proponents of a measure does that. So there's a clarification, if you will, of what the intent or purpose is. At a minimum each of the amendments that we have dealt with on Select File and I would argue as well on General File on 830 have had that value if you feel they've had no other and they have served a purpose. They have helped build a...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.