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SENATOR HALL: ...depository of information for what is intended here with regard to these proposals. And we have ...moving them along and I would argue with lightning speed in our process, one that I think is a good one that we should allow for debate. To live within the cloture motion which is within the rules is a given. No one argues with that, not I. I don't like it. I've never invoked it, will never invoke it, don't think we ought to in a unicameral system, did not support the change in the rules. But I do believe that suspending the rules at this point, we're talking about the first bill to hit Select File out of the package and we're going to suspend the rules, when there's two significant or insignificant amendments, depending on how you look at them, left. That's fine. I don't care. Go ahead and suspend the rules, doesn't bother me one whit, but I think it...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...smacks of what the process has been and it leaves what all of us I think agreed, even though it was unsaid, how these were going to be handled.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I have not spoken on the issue of 830 over the last thirteen and a half hours or so that the debate has been on the bill on General or Select File but I want to put a couple of observations, if I may. Number one, I'm not sure, Senator Chambers, and I may have missed something, I don't think anyone stated that there was a filibuster going on. Those of us, certainly, who have been here, and I've done my share of filibustering as others, understand very clearly the types of motions that can be filed on the reconsiderations, reconsideration or the reconsiderations and so on. We understand that, or there was not a filibuster that was taking place. On the other hand, I do understand as well that at the end of the session there is a crunch and what is that crunch at the end of the session that causes us to go late into the evening and causes us to suspend the rules, go to cloture, all sorts of types of last minute frenzied activity to get bills passed, and that thing that comes at the end of the session is a time frame. We need to get these things done now during this short time frame. And, members of the body, there's really no