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moved off General File was because people didn't want more time taken. Well, I assure you, you're going to have to go to cloture again at Select, because if I have to do it alone I'm going to keep us on this bill for eight hours, and I'm going to do it again on Final Reading. That is a promise!

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We're at the point of the session where you might wonder if I really mean it. Is LB 168 important enough for me to go to the mat on it at the risk of alienating and irritating other senators? I want to tell you this morning the answer to that question is yes, and that's precisely what I intend to do. There are others who have amendments and I'm going to address all of them. But when they run out of amendments I have others, because we're talking about the integrity, not just of our rule making process, but of the constitution, because when we legislatively elevate a property interest, in some cases not even a property right, above every other right guaranteed or protected by the constitution, it is to my way of thinking a demeaning of those other constitutional rights. I hope you'll adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. I rise in support of the amendment and some of the other amendments that will come up. And the rationale for this is just simply the question of selecting one constitutional right over others and prioritizing those. If in fact we're going to do that, this isn't the constitutional right that I would put at the top of the list. If I could ask Senator Jones a question or two.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Yes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Jones, this bill deals with constitutional right or enforcement of constitutional right against taking without just compensation, is that right?

SENATOR JONES: Yes, on rules and regs, yes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Is it your position that that is the most important constitutional right that as citizens we have?