

support of cloture. I have never and will never vote in support of a motion such of this to suspend the rules. When the Legislature decided to adopt a cloture motion, that should have been the basis for terminating all debate on a bill and requiring a vote to advance it. This secondary method of suspending the rules because perhaps not enough votes are here for cloture to me goes against the spirit of what cloture was for. Whether the attempt was by way of cloture or this method, naturally I would be opposed to it and would vote against it. But under the cloture motion, there is no opportunity for debate and discussion. If you vote to cut off discussion on this bill at this point, that does not say that when the bill moves forward people will not make attempts to bring it back. It will be difficult to bring it back, but how can that be much more difficult than trying to have an amendment attached while it is on Select File. I don't have any amendments to this bill. If I did, as is the case with Senator Matzke's LB 712 which was moved to Final Reading on cloture, my amendments will follow the bill, and whether or not I could bring it back, we would still have that discussion on each one of my amendments, and if I felt I was being treated in a way that was unfair, then I would begin to use the rules for my purposes as the rules were used for the purposes of those who wanted to advance the bill without further discussion and debate, or further debate and amendment. Senator Withem is very capable in the use of the rules and he, having been here as long as he has been, understands that there are a few of us who will also use the rules as a tactic to try to achieve a result. I will tell you all now what the rest of my grand design is. I don't want to see the crime bill passed. I don't want to see the welfare bill passed. I don't want to see that license revocation bill passed. A modest proposal on my part, a modest undertaking. LB 742, the special education bill, may lead to some discussion. I am sure we are going to have, not only some lengthy discussion on LB 658 but some heated discussion. LB 209, since it was last before us, Senator Hudkins' bill, I saw an article in the paper where some people operate or live around one of these controlled shooting areas and talked about the injured birds that wind up on the highway, on people's property, and the bullets that fall onto the highway in that area. Senator Schrock told me they never shoot bullets. Well, either this woman is lying or Senator Schrock is not aware of the fact that they use something other than shotguns in these areas. So that is going to require a bit more discussion and clarification. As to whether or not you adopt Senator Withem's amendment, I haven't really made up my mind just how I feel