

what I assumed others would do and I refiled an amendment that I had on the original committee amendment to the new committee amendment. The committee amendment was addressed, discussed. I, of course, like others, waited for my amendment to be brought forth. After eight hours, cloture was taken and the committee amendment and the bill at that time were adopted and moved forward to Select File. Now it seems to me that those amendments that were filed on the committee amendment will track with that committee amendment, will be in sync with the committee amendment, which is now the bill, and would be most logical to be taken up in an orderly fashion. It seems to me that amendments that were filed previously, either to the bill, which has been amended, or the new committee amendment would have a difficult time being tracked in sync with the bill itself. I started, at the beginning, that we have an unusual circumstance. I have looked through the rule book and don't see that the rule book, that it is addressed in the rule book. I believe that it only makes sense that because cloture was invoked prior to some amendments to the committee amendment being addressed, that it would be logical and orderly that those amendments be taken up first. I won't belabor the point any more than that, but would urge the body to overrule the Chair and take up first the amendments to the new committee amendment, 2061. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Lindsay, your light is next.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I...we've been discussing this, actually, several people for several days trying to figure out what would be the best approach, and my thought had been to, whichever the way the Chair ruled, that I would raise the issue to allow that to be voted on because this is one that stems not so much from the rereference back to committee. I don't think that really is where any problem comes up. The primary problem comes up with the use of cloture while we are in the middle of committee amendments. That is where I think the major problem comes up. Our rules have not expanded enough to cover this area, because, generally, you will handle amendments, everything that is before or on a bill, you will handle at General File. And then when there is no more amendments at General File, it moves on to Select File. You have a bill that's clean and then amendments are filed at Select File. When cloture is invoked, debate shuts down and we then move on to Select File, and everything is still there. And