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do and this is the way it is going to be. There is a reason we don't have powerful committee chairmen. We don't! Our committee chairmen and chairwomen are not strong individuals in regards to power. They can't decide which bills are going to have hearings and which ones are not. They have to have a hearing. The only real thing they can do technically is to say Bernard-Stevens, I don't like your bill, I'm going to give it the last day hearings so you will be at the very end. And that is fine, because I can prioritize it and it moves to the top. So, they can't even stop me from doing that, if they so desire. And that is good because we don't want the powerful committee chairmen that they have in Washington or the other states. And when we get talking about the third party of the proposal that says the Speaker would have the ability, if there were 30 amendments filed, to pick and chose the order of the amendments that would come up, when you think of the concept of cloture petition where you filed the cloture petition depends upon what amendments have been talked about first, that is not only a tremendous power, that is setting the policy and if Senator Matzke or Senator Janssen or Senator Hudkins had a legitimate amendment up there but the Speaker in a compromise with whomever entities that might be there decide that, no, we are going to have these first ten, then we have cloture and then that is the way it is going to be and Senator Hudkins, I'm sorry, but you are just not included in this. That is way too much power! And, our...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS:...system has always been decentralized, and I'll stop at this point because Senator Withem wanted to have the last minute but not only did he forget he wanted the last minute, he is back in the back now. So, let the record show that I did give Senator Withem his last minute, if he wanted it. That is too much power. Our system is decentralized. Senator Withem, if you want that... okay. It is a decentralized system, it is difficult because of that but I think it protects the rights of members far, far more. I don't have any problems with Senator Withem having the power, as an individual I do have a problem with the Speaker, the position having that authority. I don't think it is in the best interest in Nebraska when we have the decentralized process which has worked pretty well and I think it is to all of our advantage to keep it that way. I will be opposing not only this process, but also the entire rules