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prepared to answer any question anybody wants to put to me relative to anything that I have said thus far or anything I will say while we debate this and other rules changes. Remember, cloture cannot be invoked on a discussion of the rules. And there are opportunities aplenty to amend or seek to amend the rules. And I intend to make use of that opportunity to try to amend some parts of the rules with only 25 votes as the Rules Committee is attempting to do. But I will support Senator Maurstad's amendment. This is my third time speaking on it so I wanted to make that clear before I sat down.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Question.

SENATOR CROSBY: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Debate ceases. We are on the Maurstad amendment. Senator Maurstad, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Just as a point of clarification, the only change that this amendment would make would be on line A in Section 17, would change the word "ten" to "five." It's reducing the number of bills that would be addressed by the Speaker from ten bills to five bills. So without further delay, I would just ask for your support of the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Maurstad amendment to the change to the permanent rules. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Maurstad's amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Maurstad would move to amend. Senator, I have your second amendment, Section 17(b)(2) at the