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amendments, and those things never got heard. But we got to the end of the eight hours, we had to have closure, we had to pass a bill and, in my opinion, we passed two bills that were seriously defective in a number of ways; that could have been much better if there could have been some arbitrator to decide in that eight-hour period which amendments are the ones to be heard. And if you don't like the way he decides it, is his power absolute? Absolutely not. All you move is to overrule the Speaker and the order of amendments can be changed. But right now, there's no way to bring order out of this chaos of amendments. There's just no way to bring order. If somebody's smart enough to slap ten amendments up there right away that had to do with nothing except extended speaking time and the ability to filibuster, it doesn't take a lot of brains to do that. A lot of people have figured that out. But it screws up the system. It screws up orderly debate. And if, at this moment in time, you're going to give in to what happened last session, then nobody should feel sorry for us and, least of all, we should not feel sorry for ourselves that we're allowing the same thing to happen all over again. This amendment is about orderly process. If you adopt the Senator Bernard-Stevens amendment to it, it's not about anything except whatever importance there is to some formality of suggesting and getting together and suggesting that there are five important bills. Those bills would have no more of a chance of orderly process than any bill that goes through our process. The things that are most important to the state...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ..would have no greater ability to be heard in an orderly fashion than the least important thing that goes through this process. So I hope you will not get tired because that's what always beats you. That's what always beats you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Robinson, Bromm, and Crosby.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I want to ask Senator Beutler a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.