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were the ones that should be discussed first, to be sure that they did get discussed because of the cloture rule. So I still appreciate that and Senator Bohlke was courtesy itself all through that debate. She worked with us. She listened. She tried to be sure that the people that felt the welfare bill was pernicious would be at least the best we could get by the end of the time because it was on a fast track. If you will look at Rule 7, Section 11, those of you who are paying attention and maybe want to vote with some brains; "motions and amendments...for dilatory purposes." It's right there in Section 11. The Speaker does it now. He gets together with people. He looks at the...he or she. One of these years, DiAnna, she. "If, in the opinion of the Speaker," this is from the rule, "the motions and/or amendments are not dilatory, debate on the pending measure shall continue. If the Speaker has reason to believe that one or more amendments and/or motions are dilatory, the Speaker shall consult with the principal introducer of the original bill or resolution and the principal introducers of the amendment and/or motions in an attempt to reach an accord as to which should..." come first or last or in between, that was done on the welfare bill. I know it's done on others. Senator Dierks last year filed a whole bunch of amendments on some resource bill that we spent one whole afternoon. There have been times, and it will happen again in this session when this group, when this Legislature, uses Senator Chambers to keep some debate going for reasons, who knows why. Most of us never understand why at certain times we're going ahead and listening and nobody's complaining, we're wasting, using up time, trying to get to some legislation and get to some consensus on something towards the end of the session so we can finish up on a particular bill. So when it comes right down to it, courtesy and consideration for each other is the answer to this rule. I'm not going to vote for this rule. I think it's.... What's the word? No, it's not dilatory. (Laugh)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: It's an excess. We don't need it. I can't think of the word for that, so you can go look it up in the dictionary. I just feel strongly that we are going a little too far with this and it has nothing to do with the present Speaker nor whom...whoever that might be later. I can think of.... Superfluous. Thank you, David. It's superfluous. I can think