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legislators, it is nonpartisan in order to prevent the political parties from controlling, or unduly controlling what occurs on the floor. If there were a two-house Legislature of which we are members, one house could serve as a check and a balance, not upon but against the other. When you have a one-house Legislature, no party discipline as it's called, the worst thing is to concentrate power in the hands of one individual rather than having a Legislature which is responsive to the people, as this one supposedly we're supposed to be. You have a situation where power, more and more of it is concentrated...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...into the hands of one individual. That individual sets the agenda, determines which amendments will be heard and when they will be heard, which motions will be allowed, which ones will be disallowed. And I don't think that that comports with what it is that a one-house Legislature should be doing. At this point in the discussion I know there is a difficulty to follow the arguments that are being given because minds have become numb, but that doesn't mean the record should not be completed. So, I'm in support of Senator Maurstad's amendment, and I have my light on to continue.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Bromm is not here at the moment and I have not had an opportunity to confer with him, but again I don't...I think this is something that reasonable people can disagree upon, and it narrows the scope of the...and focuses the scope of the amendment somewhat. I don't have any objection to it personally. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Withem. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, members of the body, first of all, I noticed that I proposed something, I meant to propose it for purposes of discussion. I have not talked with the principle introducers of the amendment to begin with. It's on your desk as an alternative. It may be a good one, it may not be. I will not be proposing this, even though it's circulated, unless the supporters of the rule change here think it might be an