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CLERK: 10 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The house is under call. Members, please return to the body. House is under call. Senator Chambers, did you wish to continue to use...? I missed what you were saying. Do you wish to continue to use your time?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will, because if I...it's going to continue running once the clock is started. I don't see Senator Robinson. I don't know if they had hand grenades when he was in the military, but I'm going to tell you one of the things that they emphasize in basic training. Senator Jones probably got some hand grenades at his house right now, but the hand grenade, most of them are egg-shaped, some of them can look like a can, but beside it is a handle and that handle is attached to the top and there is a pin in that handle that goes through the handle and attaches...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..to the hand grenade. When you pull that pin, as long as you keep the handle in place, nothing happens. Once you release the handle then a fuse is ignited and even if you replace the handle and put the pin in, you cannot stop that fuse from burning. So you can be standing there holding the hand grenade with the handle in place and the pin reinserted and once the fuse burns down into the powder it blows up and you blow up with it. So it was always emphasized once you release the handle or if you think you've released it get rid of it, unless you're Audie Murphy and you think you're going to get a Congressional Medal of Honor for going up in your foolishness. Our close is similar to that, our closing procedure. Once you begin to close, the fuse is lit and when five minutes have elapsed it's over. So even though I asked for a call of the house, I have to complete my close or lose the opportunity to do so. The one point I want to say is that this amendment would require a two-thirds vote or six members...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..of the Executive Board and Senator Bromm agrees with it.