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more hard feelings, and less a feeling of participation by the members. We really need to have discipline among ourselves on the major issues, and it's a cheap, easy way out for us to say, we, as senators, will not be able to work these things out, we must give dictatorial powers, if you wish, to a one person, one man, one woman that's in the Speaker power so they can get us out of our own problems. That is exactly what this country fought to get away from. We don't want to have the centralized power in particular individuals. This Legislature is based upon decentralized power so that the people, through their representatives, have a chance to have their amendment or their voice heard. Since these will be controversial issues, to have a Speaker be able to place the amendments first and then come whatever motions that they wish, is too much power. And I go back to the crime bill we had last year, and if the senators just take time to remember, part of the difficulty was when Senator Lindsay came forward with his crime package and it had certain things in there that was on the compromise, other people were left out and they said, why can't we be a part of that? What's wrong with my amendment? And it just wasn't to be, and people were irritated with that, because a group of people decided which amendments would be carried. There are ways the Legislature can make sure that the issues are talked about. There are ways that committee chairs, in their ingenuity, can make sure that certain amendments are talked about. It can be done, but you have to be intelligent, you have to be quick, and you have to think ahead. And we've got the members that can do that. You don't need to give away our authority to a Speaker so that you think we'll move quicker, because we won't, we'll still have the same 12 hours before cloture. So, at this point, I think if we can take this section out, I believe we'll be able to move forward on the rules. I think we can get to debates on bills, and I think we would still give the Speaker the authority to pick five bills and bring it ahead of everyone else's. And that's all we ask in democracy, we ask that the issues be given a chance to be debated by the full Legislature, and let the will of the Legislature, whatever way it may take, rule. We don't need to go the next step to dictate the debate and the motions and the amendments on controversial issues. And I remind my rural colleagues, I remind urban colleagues that it may depend on who's in the Chair and what area of the state they're from,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.