

entitled to close if the question is called. I think there's been adequate debate on whether or not the Legislature has set appropriate priorities.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Lindsay, your light is the only light remaining. Would you like to close?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, I, Madam President, I...I would like to use my time, but I...and if I would I guess to make a comment, and I know tempers I guess will flare and mine hasn't yet but I'm sure it will. I am doing here, yes, we all know what I'm doing, but I'm going to take up a couple hours, two and a half hours maybe out of a 60-day session on an issue that I think is important, on an issue that has been moved out of line and moved up to a higher level. I don't think that's an unreasonable amount of time to take. I am not like Senator Landis. I'm generally one who tries to work at compromises also and, yet, an opening, to call the question after the opening and to say that that's not objectionable I think is to take the...and obviously what I could do and what I, I guess, maybe should have done is to do what's been done to me on bills in the past and that is to allow that to be ruled. To make use of the rules and to just tie us into procedure, which is easier to do than drafting up substantive amendments that actually pose issues for the body. Maybe we should have allowed that object...or allowed that and then I could move to overrule the Chair and we could talk about procedure. I've been tied up, in my career down here I've been tied up in filibusters that have gone down to crazy levels of procedural issues, and I've tried not to do that. The issues I've placed in front of you, the issues I've placed in front of you, each one has been a legitimate issue. Each one has been a legitimate issue. One of them was adopted. We've had two votes or three votes. One of them was adopted. We pulled kegs out of the bill. We have been on this bill for an hour and...oh, a little over an hour, I guess an hour and a half, hour and 45 minutes, and this is...and it's already at the level where we need to call the question after one speaker? And I'm not going to. I guess had the question not been called, I was seeing if anybody else did have lights on, I simply would have backed down and I still intend to and I do intend to waive closing after I've spouted off I guess a little bit. But I think it's a little bit early in the afternoon to start calling the question after the first...after the opening speaker. I don't think if somebody else did have...somebody else did want to speak