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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...brothers and sisters, is that going to extreme measures to stop one person or try does nothing other than make that one person bigger than the institution, makes that person more important than anything that takes place. And nobody can stand on this floor and mention a time during the years they've been here with me in this Legislature that important legislation that needed to be passed was not passed. There might be some bills they wanted passed, but they were not essential, and I have done a lot of pruning, and I will continue to do that, whether this rule is repealed or not.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the Legislature started the session last year and in the previous two or three or four sessions, the Rules Committee spent a great deal of time trying to just figure out how we could facilitate debate on the important parts of bills. Again, with all due respect, Senator Chambers, it was to try to facilitate debate. This particular rule that's being asked to be taken out of the rule book, I can say without any qualms at all, was prepared, drafted, and crafted by Senator Beutler, Senator Brown, and myself in one of our three offices, I don't recall which one of the three. There was never ever any contact by myself with any lobbyist regarding that. Senator Brown has told me that is the case with her. I will be very, very surprised if any lobbyist was encouraging Senator Beutler to draft a rule like this. Lobbyists want to get their legislation passed. They like consent calendar. They are not particularly as interested in the process or the perception of the process of what's going on down here on the floor; they want to get their bills passed. Lobbyists did not support this rule change. Lobbyists were upset last session that some of the things they wanted to see done probably didn't pass. That's okay. That's neither here nor there. Let me say, to put this in perspective, that a lot of this whole thing is because we are a unicameral. When one person decides, or two people, or three people decide to bring things to a halt on the floor of this Legislature, if they have the will, they can do it. There is no question about it, they can do it. And there's not any other house moving forward and working on the