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and I'm smarter than the rules, truth of the matter is it doesn't take much to figure out that the rules are all there to work with. It's really a matter of will. You read the rule book and most anybody could figure out a way to defeat the kinds of practices of foreclosing debate. It is really only a matter of will and Ernie has got that. Ernie has got that in spades, (laughing) I think I think that. I've...I got to ask myself about that when I get done with that conversation. Anyway, I'm going to move on here. The point that I want to make is this; that if you wanted to change the rule book to foreclose discussion, you'd either have to do one of two things. You'd have to invent a rule book in which time was passed out and it would all of a sudden be huge, or you would vest in the Chair discretion, something that Carol Hudkins just said she didn't want to do, something which this body doesn't want to do. Unless the Chair can say, that's out of order because it's just off the beaten track, until we vest the Speaker with that kind of authority, or until we rewrite the rule book from stem to stern and give the Chair time to pass out to us, we will be able to be defeated and frustrated on the floor. So, here's my calculation. What about a rule that we've never used and has never been successful because it was designed to help us get back to the majority rule and let the majority have its action, or consent calendar and late amendments in the session, which is also an expression of majority will, which is also frustrated? One is illusory; one is real. We had real frustrations of majority will by the absence of consent calendar and by the absence of amendments late in the session, and we have an illusory attempt, at the moment, anyway, to try to give voice to the majority through this rule. If I have to pick between a real benefit and an illusory benefit, I'd pick the real benefit. I'd rather have consent calendar back because this rule, when it's first applied, will run afoul of the rest of our rules, and it won't work, and it won't work. And we will have a statement and a meltdown and a frustrated majority all at the same time, and I'd rather trade that away and get consent calendar back myself, thank you very much. In horse-trading, I think you take the chips that are on the table and you take them. That is also a frustration of the will of majority.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.