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setting a certain number of votes. And you did not hear me yelling "tyranny of the majority" on the death penalty issue. I was part of a group that lost big time on that vote. That's the way some issues are. There are huge majorities in favor of some issues. What I have seen in my two years is a constant shifting and fluctuation of alliances and coalitions. It is sometimes entertaining to see who the allies are on a given issue, and then who the adversaries are on the next issue. I think we have a very healthy ebb and flow up here. I don't see a threat of tyranny of the majority. Now, that's why we have these debates. There may be some other views on that. But that's my bedrock conviction, that we have the healthy fluctuation in factions and coalitions that you need to have a properly functioning system. Procedurally, what I've done here is file, I guess I'll call it a chaser motion, coming in right after the amendment. And my preference is that we move right to the motion. I see the motion as being actually the main vehicle of debate for the issue, so I don't want to squelch anybody who wants to voice an opinion on this. And then eventually, through the proper procedural maneuvers, we can cease that debate. If my motion...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. If my motion fails, then my intention would be to withdraw the amendment, because I will take that as a signal that there is not sufficient support for the amendment. Mr. President, that concludes everything I have to say. Those are my motivations for running this amendment. And I'll yield the balance of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Maxwell would then move to suspend all pertinent rules and vote immediately upon the adoption of the Maxwell amendment without further amendment, motion, or debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Maxwell, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you. Mr. President, I have nothing to