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add at this point. I'll be glad to see what others have to say. Thank you.

SEN^RTOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion on the motion. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, this is the most serious matter in front of you of all the rules changes that are being proposed, and so I hope we have a good and intelligent debate on this, because this is very important. I very much oppose what Senator Maxwell is intending to do. And let me try to set out some of the background and the unique situation of Nebraska that I think indicates a degree of caution in terms of requiring something substantially more than a majority on those matters that are most critical to us. First of all, remember that we are different from all other states in the Union, and we are different from the United States Congress, in the sense that we are a Unicameral. And one of the drawbacks that has historically been drawn, or asserted, one of the critiques of the Unicameral system is that things go through too fast, and things can go through because people feel passionately for a short period of time, where on further reflection perhaps they wouldn't have done so. So when you start comparing what our rule is compared to other states or other...or the United States Congress, there really isn't a comparison. I think you really have to think about, what is the compensating balance in our system for the quickness with which we can pass things in this Legislature. That would be the first thing I'd ask you to consider. And in that regard, keep in mind that four years from now, half of this body will be brand-new people. Term limits will have come in, and almost half the body will be new people, inexperienced people, people who haven't had the opportunity to think through the issues and to watch the little historical cycles that go on, or to weigh the different kinds of balances that are more likely to be weighed when there's more experience in the body. And I would ask you, isn't this a rule, keeping that cloture rule at 33, isn't that something that's going to be more important when that happens, too? The third thing I'd ask you to remember is that you have to think of it in terms of your being in the minority. And the minority isn't the same all the time. Would you feel...at what level would you feel