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SENATOR LANDIS: ...several times. It's never been successful. And I think it's a lost cause.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Brown, followed by Senator Bourne, Smith, and Beutler. Senator Brown on the motion to suspend.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I rise to oppose the Maxwell amendment. And I wanted to follow up on some things that both Senator Brashear and Senator Landis have talked about, that the cloture rule was always the combination of time and votes. The reason I believe that we went about changing the time element was that the eight hours that it used to be became the floor rather than the ceiling. And everything started going eight hours, whether or not we were engaging in deliberations that were meritorious. But even that change made me a little nervous. And I hoped very much at that point in time, as has been borne out, certainly, I think, so far, that it would be exercised most carefully and judiciously, and that more than adequate time would be allowed for the discussions to take place. But it was that the relationship of both time and the number of votes together that I think was the protection for the minority. And as many times as I have participated, quite often with Senator Chambers on the other side, in battles that are cloture battles, I would never want to be in a body that...even if my...even if I was always in the majority, if my will was always in the majority, I would not want to be in a body where I did not feel that I could say to constituents and to people of the public who might have a different feeling that we arrived at the decisions that we arrived at after the most careful consideration, and that it was so careful that after the amount of time, and whatever that amount of time is, of good deliberation, that an extraordinary majority of people agreed that there had been adequate deliberation and that there...we needed to move forward. I believe, as Senator Beutler said, that this is, for all of us, no matter whether you are in the majority or in the minority on any given issue, a very dangerous potential change. And I agree with Senator Brashear. We have not yet figured out whether we should all be comfortable with the change that we've made in terms of the amount of time. And this is coming from someone who has participated in previous