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changes to the cloture rule, and fully understands that part of our job is to move forward, but part of our job is to move forward in a way that we can justify. And...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...if we make this change, I'm not certain that I can go back to people and say that we are being as deliberative and judicious as we need to be. I strongly urge you to reject both the motion to suspend and the underlying amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Bourne on the motion to suspend. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I too rise in opposition to the amendment. And I particularly rise in opposition to the underlying motion. I think that that's...any member in here who has read that motion should be particularly concerned about it. I think it...with no disrespect to Senator Maxwell, I think it cheapens the legislative process, because it says that diversity doesn't matter, that your opinion doesn't matter, and we shouldn't really have to talk about your views, it's only what the majority's views are that matter, that are important. So I think that the underlying motion is what's particularly disturbing to me, because again, it cuts off debate. It's, I feel, inappropriate. When we talk about cloture motions, you know, originally, I was thinking, well, this is kind of an overreaction. But then, when you think about all the cloture motions or the cloture votes that you've done, they're always on extremely volatile issues and divisive issues. And so, while I think that the debate has merit, I think this is a bit of an overreaction. People have talked about term limits and how we need to kind of slow down the process. As frustrating as it is to sit through a four-, five-, six-, eight-hour debate, that's part of the process. And given that we're one house, I think that we do need to slow it down. I am concerned about the term limits, and I think that as we...you know, in four years, we're going to lose half of our Legislature. And I think that to reduce the number of votes, I think that that's disturbing. We should all be concerned that