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time to say something. I would be the last person in here to try to squelch debate. That's all, Mr. President. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. Senator Foley on the motion to suspend.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Let me just start by thanking Senator Maxwell for offering this amendment to our rules. I think we've had a very constructive debate, and I hope it continues for a bit longer and that others will weigh in. I know that in my short two years here and the discussions that I've had with my constituents, there is a great intrigue as to how it is that one senator can tie up the body. And of course, you go into this arcane discussion of the rules and so forth. The feeling that I get from my constituents is that it's just not a reasonable threshold. They understand that a minority point of view ought to be protected, because of rural and urban concerns, some of what we've been hearing about today. But at the end of the day, I think people want us to do the people's business and not be subject to the whim of a single senator. The argument, I think, that's most persuasive with me is the argument that it only takes 30 votes to override the will of the Governor of the state. And if it only takes 30 votes to override the will of a Governor, why would we establish a threshold higher than that on ourselves? So I think it's very helpful that Senator Maxwell has offered this. If nothing else, it will put us all on record as to where we stand on this rule. I think people need to know who it is that supports this rule of 33. And again, thank you, Senator Maxwell, for offering it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I think the arguments are getting out there on both sides, and it's been a good debate. And you've heard some of the theoretical reasons why it might be good to support the current 33-vote requirement: the one-house Legislature; the fact that we're having, with term limits now, a whole bunch of new people coming in shortly; and those various arguments. But you have