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standard, when our standard heretofore has been cloture, which is 33. We don't use the same standard of full and fair debate on Final Reading that we use on General File. So we're at a point where we have time. We have colleagues whose views have not been debated at all or even attempted to be debated. Those pending amendments are technically motions to return to Select File for a specific amendment. Now I want to be clear. If any amendment were adopted to this bill, this bill cannot be enacted today. You all know that. You must lay over. So we must deal with what we must deal with in a calm and orderly way. And it's my intent that we will proceed as we would otherwise without a rule to suspend. I will reserve unto myself to a later point in time as I circulate on the floor, talk with people, listen to the debate, the heavy decision for which I get paid so much more than all the rest of you as to how we are to proceed and so we may move to the special ordering of the motion to suspend. We may move to the cloture thing. But we will not do so at an artificial, accelerated pace for any reason short of full and fair debate at this point in our proceedings, which is, again I stress, and has consistently been, throughout the administration of my office, less on Final Reading than on General File. So let the debate begin and the first amendment be heard. I thank you for your time and consideration.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We now go to Final Reading, Speaker's major proposal, Mr. Clerk, LB 1024.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kopplin would move to return to Select File for specific amendments. Senator Kopplin, I originally had AM3253 but I had a note, Senator...or, I'm sorry. I had AM3163 with a note that you wanted to substitute AM3253. Is that right?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kopplin? It does take unanimous consent to substitute. Objection? So ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kopplin would move to return the bill for a specific amendment, AM3253. (Legislative Journal pages 1658-1660.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kopplin, you're recognized.