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don't expect me to be humble, don't expect me to not show arrogance. You all would do worse than I do if you rose to this height. You're lucky, as I've told you before, that though I have the power of a giant I don't wield it...

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...as a giant.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Crosby, your light is next. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Debate is ceased. Speaker Withem, you are recognized to close on your motion.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, simply restate the intention of the motion would be to suspend the appropriate rules so as to allow for the Final Reading of LBs 189E, LB 189AE, LB 626E, LB 559, LB 455E, LB 455AE, LB 371, LB 742E, LB 742AE, LB 840, LB 840AE, LB 144, LB 144A and LB 613E without further amendment or motion. And also encompassed within that is the layover requirement, will allow us to continue with our work. Let me be honest with you. This was a motion that had been recommended to me by somebody in the lobby and it wasn't the Governor's office. It wasn't a senator. It was somebody, really didn't have much of a personal interest in the bills. And my immediate reaction was, no, we don't want to do that, that that is not our process, it's not our process to stifle debate artificially. And I continued to resist that until today I heard that there were, you know, not just Senator Chambers, I think, and, Senator Chambers, I would be lying if I didn't say...if I stood up here and said, gosh, I never even thought of you when I offered this amendment. Gee whiz, gosh, you do this sometimes do you? I would probably not have been able to pull that off with a straight...much of a straight face. But it really wasn't until I heard that there were other people attempting with an interest in prolonging debate on some of these bills when I decided that there really is a time when the...the body must be allowed to...to work its will. And, Senator Chambers, I hope I don't embarrass you too much by saying this, as tough a competitor as you are on this