

example along with Senator Johnson, a few years when I had, I don't know, 29, 28 votes on a famous Christian schools issue, I repeatedly got thwarted with a filibuster. That is what we live with but we seem to survive it every year and work our way through it and I am sure we will this time no matter what happens on the issue. However, I would point out that that is an interesting system from this standpoint. It is about as much a two-edged sword as anything you will find and even though I stood up a couple times like this and said, I am going to, I never have. In other words, I am going to use the same system. I have never resorted to it yet. I suspect that I will have to find out how it works too some year and this may be the year. And to the freshmen who tell me or to some of the new senators that say, well, Ernie is going to tie up the whole session, I say, so, you know, that's life, we live with it. I am sure Senator Beutler and Senator Wesely and everybody has issues they are interested in and at some point the system seems to work its way out and solve the problem. All I am suggesting you do now is advance the bill and have the vote on it to advance the bill and get it back on Final Reading and then if somebody wants to offer additional amendments, I understand Senator Chambers does, certainly can do that, or we can go on to other business which if you wanted, but at least I would suggest we at least vote to advance the bill and get that part handled.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp is already characterizing this as a filibuster and it is no such thing. But it is a very difficult, hard little issue and it deserves some very intense debate, albeit somewhat short debate. And it is not my objective to reiterate the arguments that have already been made, but I wanted to state at least one argument that has not been made which I think is also very important and I want to state it because it has just 25 votes and I am hoping that there is one or two of you out there that might want to sit back and think about this a little bit before you advance it back. Just let it sit there a little bit. We haven't finished our budget deliberations yet and you say, how does that relate? But I suggest to you that it has a very direct relationship because what we do this year on our budget discussions and the outcome of our budget discussions affects what is going to happen next year. Now