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amendment which is contrary to anything that I think that we have or take note of in this Legislature, and if you allow it to continue to operate as a sitting, continuing amendment, you have effectively created a new cloture rule which we have not heretofore known.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I take your thought well, Senator Beutler, and so what you are suggesting is that when an amendment is being considered and somebody wishes to preclude another amendment to the amendment, a motion has to be filed like this at that time. Is that what you are saying? In other words, you can't have a motion up here like this to preclude an amendment to any amendment. It has to be done on each single amendment to each amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would think so, Mr. Speaker, yes, at the minimum.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Then how do you know whether an amendment is going to be filed or not so as to issue this?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I guess you don't know if an amendment is going to be filed.

SPEAKER NICHOL: So what you are saying is you...if you wish to do that, you should run up with an amendment in between each amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SPEAKER NICHOL: To file it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, it is a suspension but I guess that is right. That would certainly be preferable to the existing system that we are about to have if this ruling is upheld.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, what I am trying to do is set the stage so that we don't have to run through this every time it comes up. If...I don't mean that we should not be...it should not be necessary to file this, but if that is the way you wish to have it, we should do it continually from this time on. And I don't mind being overruled on this if that will set the precedent so that that's the way we have to do it. Do you follow me?

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