

but I never did like it. I think sometimes in the special session we do those things because it seems to be the only way. But we're not in a special session now, we're in a regular session and I'm opposing Senator Withem's motion to, in effect, suspend the consideration of any other motions on this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I want to talk about something independent of the merits of the issue. I want to talk about the procedure and I guess almost a point of order. This is a motion to suspend the rules. Is it amendable? In other words, could it be amended, and this is an important distinction for the body because it's the same issue as last night. Senator Chambers and Senator Beutler and some of those that were interested in this, I think it's important we get this, because it may establish a new system for cloture that isn't in the rules and if it is I'll live with it, but if it isn't, I want to get it figured out. Would it be amendable right now, and if not, why not? It's the same issue as last night.

PRESIDENT: The question has been raised, is the motion to suspend the rules and move immediately to a vote.

SENATOR DECAMP: In other words, could I amend...

PRESIDENT: Is it amendable, and the Chair has an opinion about that, but would invite comment.

SENATOR DECAMP: If it is amendable, and I see no reason why it wouldn't be, then all you have to do to get to your suspension of the rules under this procedure would be put up an amendment, then an amendment to the amendment and then your entry for suspension of the rules, which normally comes after all amendments that are at least up there, your entry point is way up here. You put a motion to suspend the rules and vote on that particular amendment immediately, but all you'd have to do would be to amend that motion right now to "suspend the rules and vote on the bill for advancement without further debate or delay". My point is you would be establishing a new cloture system and that's what I want to know. Is it amendable, and if so, is that what the body is going to go with as a new cloture system?