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that gives everybody a chance to talk about it. But it seems to me that the Rules Committee is correct that this would clean up that gray area and put recess in the same category as adjournment.

PRESIDENT: Is there anyone else? Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak again?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I genuinely am shocked to hear a certified conservative acknowledge that when voting for a proposition that there is an easy way around it. If we want to allow debate on the issue of recess, just don't say that it's not debatable, but don't say that we're going to put into the rule that which seems to be one but which at the time it is put in is not intended to do what is alleged to be done. So if occasions are in people's minds right now while you're voting on it when it is going to be necessary to debate whether or not we ought to recess, why require us to find stratagems? For myself, Senator Lamb, I know that I can find ways to debate any issue at any time that I want to, but it shouldn't always be that way on every proposition, where because we hear people criticize how the Legislature operates, we're going to undermine the purpose for which the Legislature functions and do away with the things that it ought to do. We don't simply move to recess when we're going to take a break for lunch and come back in the afternoon. There are a lot of instances, so I just have to be opposed to this idea, but I'm glad to see that Senator Lamb is becoming less conservative. That gives me an opportunity to make a point by telling or talking about something. From time to time people will speculate about whether I have changed since I've come to the Legislature, meaning that I'm mellow, I'm easier to get along with, I work and play well with others and so forth, and all I tell people to do in order to make a determination is to see whether I have become more like what the Legislature was when I got here or if the Legislature has become more like what I am. And then I begin to mention various issues that the Legislature has voted in a way they never would have voted when I first came down here, so they have become more like me and I'm proud of that. So when I can see that I'm converting a conservative right here on the floor of the Legislature, I'm not going to let this golden opportunity pass. I'll bet there was never anybody on the floor of the Legislature, with the exception of myself who I am a