

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, these are the times when very bad propositions are attempted to be incorporated into the rules. Now, I happen to be the one on the side of an issue which a lot of you are on the other side of. But the fact to remember is that if we get to something like Initiative 300, and let's say there is a very strong lobbying effort, and they decide to cut off debate after two or three people have spoken, and once they offer that motion then that ends it. You cannot, even by way of amending that motion, have the opportunity to discuss your issue. I will have the opportunity to discuss this issue again. There is no way I can be stopped. But I do these things to force an issue. There was another occasion when I was going to offer an amendment to a motion to suspend the rules and I withdrew it. I was doing it to show that you cannot stop somebody on this floor from speaking on an issue if he or she is determined to do so. I'll tell you what is going to happen. Senator Beutler and Senator Hoagland, who likes to cut off debate, are going to have to, when a bill comes before this Legislature, offer a motion immediately to allow no debate and no amendments because on issues in which I have an interest I'll just have to file maybe 100 amendments to make sure that I have enough time to discuss my issue before that motion comes to stop all discussion. What happens is when you try today, because you are in a situation you don't like, to straitjacket the Legislature from now on, you will succeed in straitjacketing the Legislature. But you will not succeed in containing, in your hand, quicksilver. So go ahead and adopt it, overrule the Chair, make Mason's Rules the rules of the Legislature. It makes me no difference what you do. But let it be clear that you are doing it to try to silence me, and you can't do that. You might succeed today because everybody's stomach is saying it is time to go to lunch now. But there is tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow. And if this bill is voted on today, it still has other hurdles to clear. So you better get your motion up there for Select File and Final Reading that there will be no more debate or amendment on this bill and other bills too, otherwise, you get me today and you'll find out that it could be the time of the boomerang, what you throw out will come back on you. I had a bill to abolish the death penalty, in 1979 it was passed by the Legislature. Senator Labeledz, Senator Pirsch and Senator Newell and a few others had amendments, and Senator Venditte, I think he was here. They offered amendment, and amendment, and amendment. And I never moved to cease