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debate. I never voted to cease debate. Some of those who were on the issue with me said, Ernie, we've got the votes, we can stop the discussion and get the bill passed. I said, let people say whatever they want to say and offer any amendments they want to offer. So, remember, I've got bills coming up and I know it, and you can kill them, you can either do it by amending them to death, talking them to death, or simply voting to kill them. That is within your prerogative and I know it. But the possibility of that happening is not going to stop me from discharging my responsibility, as I see it, and I see my responsibility as offering amendments to this bill at this time. I believe that the Speaker's ruling was in order and correct. Mason's Rules have not been adopted as a part of our rules, and I think there is a provision in the Rules of the Legislature which does not say, go to Mason's. I am voting to uphold the Chair, obviously.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, please. Then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, okay, I'll call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Beutler, please, to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I have no closing. If the Chair is not overruled, the session effectively ends.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the Chair be overruled? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk. Record vote has been asked for. Roll call vote, please, go ahead. Record vote. Announce the record vote, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 769 of the Legislative Journal.) 34 ayes, 1 nay to overrule the Chair, Mr. President.