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rules so I could...the rule doesn't exactly say it, but I am going to rule that closing is not debate. If you want to attempt to overrule that, it is okay with me, but I'm going to rule that closing is not debate. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I agree that you are absolutely right, but for purposes of not extending this longer, I don't think it is necessary to get a ruling from you. I will waive closing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, he ruled and I challenge the Chair.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the Chair has been challenged.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, when people want to play these games you are all on the other side, so what, you are getting what you are entitled to, you are getting what you deserve. You want to build a hole for somebody else and you step into it. If closing is not debate then when a person closes they should not be able to speak on any of the issues that went before. Now who is going to stand on this floor and say that when a person closes he or she is not addressing the issues that were before us before. So I think that by the Chair ruling that a closing is not debate is for the Chair to rule that which is illogical. A closing is debate and that motion said with no amendment or debate. And if there is to be no debate then there is no basis for a closing anyway. There is no basis. The Chair was right before and they overruled him. The Chair is wrong this time and they'll uphold him, but what is that to me? People around here consume too much fat anyway in their diets, don't get enough complex carbohydrates. So if you miss a lunch or part of a lunch, it will be good for you. But whether it is good for you or not, or whether you are angry or not, you make me angry by the things you do. I just don't show it the way you do. You all sit around here and let your faces get ugly, and your jaws get tight, and I see that I've whipped you by playing your game and whipping you at your own game. You all started this. If I had offered my amendments, we would have been out of here. But you are going to whip me down. You are going to beat me and you are going to give me what for and show me that you are my "collective master", but you are not. I'll outlast you. Unlike the rest of you, your opinions mean nothing to me. I'm not going to be rubbing elbows with you or going out after we get through here to drink or socialize and say, gee

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