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behooves me to demonstrate that if an issue arises that I have a certain number of things to say, your cloture rule will not stop me. It will stop the rest of you because I will create my opportunity to speak, and I will seize the amount of time that I need. But thanks to your cloture rule, you will have foreclosed yourselves.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator. On behalf of Senator Hefner, I would like to welcome some guests who are visiting the Legislature today, 13 guests from the Knox County Doer Program seated up here in the balcony. Welcome. Now we will continue debate with Senator Pirsch, followed by Senator Withem, Senator Wesely, Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Labedz; Senator Pirsch first.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Chambers has amended this rules change with increasing the number of hours from eight to twelve. Would you yield, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I didn't say I would, but I will.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Chambers, will increasing that amount of time be acceptable to you then and you would then endorse this rules change?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I am trying to make a bad thing better but I would not endorse it.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. And that really is the example of how it works on this floor. Rarely is an amendment made for a significant or relevant change. More often I think, and this isn't just Senator Chambers, it is used as an opportunity for irrelevant oration. This is a little different than the cloture rule that we have talked about in years past and I think there are safety nets built into this one, that if you, indeed, do feel that you have the supermajority of the body behind you, you had better be sure of it or that will lay over your issue and is kind of a reinforcement of make sure that it has had proper debate before you introduce that cloture rule. If truly an important issue is being discussed, I don't think this rule would be imposed and I don't think it is going to be imposed very often. And, again, because of that follow-up of the Speaker having the power to set that for sometime uncertain, the introducer of the motion would have no idea when that would be or how long that would take. And if they did not have enough