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tell them I am the only one who didn't vote for them. And yet I live within those rules better than anybody else around here. So I will vote no, and some of you might do well to follow, trust me, follow my example and vote no also.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I will now recognize Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Very briefly, I would echo some of Senator Chambers' concerns and plenty have spoken. I understand that. I appreciate it. I just want to point out again, as far as I know, this is the first time this body, at least in recent memory, has taken the step to shut off debate. As we talk about cloture, we are really talking about the concept of shutting off debate. I think that is a regrettable step. I think it is an unfortunate step, not a step forward, but, rather, a step backward. One of the great things about this body was a couple of things. We have hearings on every bill introduced and, secondly, we don't shut off debate. It is not like a lot of other legislatures and that made us distinct and I think something we can be respectful of, of this unique Unicameral system. Now we are back with the crowd that exists around the country in agreeing that at times we can shut off debate. It will be rarely used. It is really not that big an issue in terms of how many times it will come up, but it is more the symbolism. It is more the philosophy, and in looking at the freshmen votes, I was a little disappointed in that, and, perhaps, hopefully this block of freshmen will not be there for other types of issues like this, and I understand that would be a very powerful group and we want to make sure that they disperse themselves amongst us and understand that we'd appreciate very much their input, but for those of us who have been around awhile, this is no small step. What I am saying is that you just took a very major step backward, and it is unfortunate that we did that.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Now I will recognize Senator Moore, followed by Senator Withem. Moore passes, so Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, and members, I don't want to take much time but I just want to clarify for people what I think it is we are voting on, and what the impact would be of a negative vote at this time; that what I see up there is a motion to adopt the permanent rules. We have already made four