I am bitterly opposed to the effort to change the rules of the Senate to provide that a majority of the Senate can terminate debate on a given subject.

We have been served notice that the proponents of this rule change will make a determined fight next January to win their point. I shall exert every effort to oppose them.

The present Rule XXII protects the right of every Senator to fully present his views on any subject. This rule acts as a buffer to prevent a majority from overpowering a minority.

If this rule is changed so that a majority can terminate debate, then the Senate will no longer be known as the greatest deliberative body in the world. Such a change would severely damage the prestige of the United States Senate and be a tragic blow to constitutional government in our country.

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