

I am reminded, again, as we file cloture, that the motion to invoke cloture is a motion to end debate. I am always amused by that phrase, "end debate." How do you end debate that you haven't even started? That is what we are being asked to do on Thursday, end debate on a tax bill that didn't go to the committee, on a tax bill that hasn't had one hearing.

How is it that we would limit Senators' rights to offer amendments when those considerations are paramount as we consider a tax bill—a gas tax bill?

So we are very concerned about why it is we need to move rapidly to this legislation if it is this important, if it is this much a part of finding ways in which to provide relief. You would think that, consistent with past practice and consistent with the recognition of the importance of the issue, it at least would have been given a hearing or some consideration in committee. That has not happened.

(The remarks of Mr. DASCHLE pertaining to the introduction of S. 2309 are located in today's RECORD under

"Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 5:46 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.