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Tonight the attempt began to stop the southern filibuster in the Senate - the Southerners trying to talk to death a measure to abolish filibusters.

Democratic leader Senator Scott Lucas presented a petition, in behalf of seventeen Democrats and sixteen Republicans, asking for - cloture - stop the debate.

That put it up to Vice President Barkley - ^{the} and circumstances were interesting. Hitherto previous Vice Presidents had ruled that a cloture motion was out of order, if requested in a filibuster like the present one. But Barkley was elected along with President Truman who is driving for a rule to stop filibusters.)

So what did Barkley do? He reversed those previous decisions by former Vice Presidents, and ruled that the Senate could stop the debate - by a vote of two thirds.

Whereupon the southerners called upon the Senate to reverse Barkley. All of which seemed to