

bucks or kicks or bites or bellers, but every horse does. But the point is, ladies and gentlemen, the issue is before the body. It was not challenged when I raised the issue and, secondly, Mr. Chairman and members, notwithstanding the fact that the Speaker, it was not on the Speaker's order, it is a priority motion and we have now begun to discuss it. It is under debate. The bill is properly before the body and I am not going to stand here and be ruled out of order at this point by those who, for whatever reason, do not want to confront the issue. And I would ask...(interruption)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, excuse me. The Chair has made a ruling. Are you challenging, are you overruling the Chair, that's my question?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, is it not proper that the Chair would not rule...would rule me out of order prior to the time that debate began on the bill?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Not necessarily, no.

SENATOR SCHMIT: In other words, it is proper for the Speaker at any time he so chooses during the course of the debate to then determine that the Speaker's order is being overruled?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Not necessarily, no.

SENATOR SCHMIT: In other words, it is sort of like when Burbach was Speaker, he made up the rules as he went along.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Not at all, Senator Schmit, not at all, and I think you know that that is not the case.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Speaker...

SPEAKER BARRETT: You above all know that that is not the case.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Speaker, you have overruled me many times, but never once have you overruled me during the course of the debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Are you challenging the Chair? Are you overruling the Chair?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I am challenging the procedure, Mr. President,