

are stated, they shall be withdrawn or modified by the mover before a decision, amendment, or anything has been done. Does that make sense to any of you on this floor? And I know what you would like to see done with this, but does that make sense to you that if you make a motion it shall be withdrawn before an amendment or any action is taken on it. Know what it means, and we have discussed this before, that if a person decides they don't want to go...carry the thing to a vote, then they can withdraw it. There is nothing in the rule that says the Speaker can prevent a person from withdrawing this motion. If that were to be a power of the Speaker, it would be stated in the rule as when a bill has become changed substantially, it said the Speaker may order it to a committee, not the Speaker shall. The Speaker may. That is the way that would have to be interpreted and the fact is that that rule dovetails with the one that we are talking about on page 55. "No motion to postpone to a time certain, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely being decided shall again be allowed on the same day at the same stage of the bill or proposition." We all know, even if we won't admit it during this discussion, that being decided refers to a decision by the Legislature. We know that is what the rules refer to whenever they talk about a matter being decided. The Legislature is the one that makes the decision. So the rule can be perverted here this afternoon, this...tonight. It can be and probably will be, but we have days remaining in the session, and it may be necessary to pervert some additional rules. Who knows what might happen. And, Senator Withem, when I said I know why you are raising the point, what I meant was I understood what you were saying. I understood the argument you were giving, so it was clear to me what you were saying but I disagreed with it. That is the point that I meant. These kind of subjects can become complex if we don't read words and take them in their ordinary meaning. The ordinary meaning of these words is clear, that a decision has to be made and the one making the decision is the Legislature. There have been indefinite postponement motions on bills. When we came back after a day, that kill motion would be taken off, and then another kill motion would be offered the same day for strategic purposes and this rule also says the same thing about a motion to postpone indefinitely.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what Senator Withem is referring to, I think, is when we were talking about LB 775 and I did make a group of these motions, but I had every one of them voted on,