

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I would like to speak to my challenge.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Proceed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, especially the new members, you are going to find that when an issue arises on this floor, all concern for the rules evaporates. We could have discussed this whole thing, if I had not asked for a division of the question, and that vote that was just taken had not been taken, this could have been discussed all morning. It could have been discussed tomorrow and nobody would have talked about a filibuster because it is what, apparently, a large number of the body wants to do. They can start with a multipart motion to suspend rules, and nobody gets upset with that because it is what a group want to do, because it is an issue they want to discuss without much chance of succeeding in that motion. Were I to do the same thing, people would be popping up everywhere saying, see how Senator Chambers is wasting our time, see why you should have voted cloture, see, he has all these provisions of this suspension motion, and he even admits that maybe all of the rules that are to be suspended have no part to play in what we are trying to do. That has been acknowledged here this morning. I want you all to be aware of that. So if I should offer a series of rules to be suspended, and then I, myself, ask, for a division of the question, don't be upset because you went for that idea this morning, because it was something a group of you wanted to talk about. The rules are there and they should be followed, but here is something I have never attempted to do. I have never attempted to suspend a rule that is not in the book. You all get upset with me when I read things that are before us. On page 293 is the motion to suspend the rules, and included is Rule 3, Section 3e, and there is no Rule 3, Section 3e in the rule book. So because I read, people are upset with me, and let me show you where that creates a problem for those whose motion it is. Since they got the Chair to rule that you cannot amend a motion to suspend the rules, they cannot even correct their own error in the motion they are making. So if you make a motion to suspend and you determine that you have made an error, then you cannot correct that error because it would be an amendment to your motion, and you have already foreclosed the right to amend it. So the only thing left to do then is to withdraw your motion and write it all over again. I care about the rules because I need them. Other people don't need the rules because a lot of times they have enough votes to just ramrod through what they want, forget the rules, and nobody