

SENATOR WARNER: My inquiry, and I gave thought, and I don't recall if the rules provide it, but one of the things that has troubled me for a long time is that if a call of the house is made prior to a closing, it denies the opportunity to the membership, as a whole, to hear both sides of an issue, and I don't know if the rules permit...I just do not recall if the rules permit the use of a call of the house to hear a closing argument rather than for purposes of the vote on the issue. So it is a point of order at the timing for a call of the house.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. In this particular instance, the Chair is of the opinion that the call of the house is not in order at this point but would be very happy to offer that to the body following closing by Senator McFarland, if that is his wish. Senator McFarland. The Chair recognizes Senator McFarland.

SENATOR McFARLAND: Maybe the Clerk should indicate what I am discussing now as far as the motion, I assume the motion is up there.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator McFarland is moving to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR McFARLAND: Thank you. This is a nice time to do this. This is the first item that is being heard today. A lot of people checked in, and when I checked with the Clerk, there were only 36 or 37 members within the Legislature. This requires a vote of 25 people in order to get it passed. It seems particularly appropriate to ask for a call of the house to explain the situation so people aren't running in here and voting and not knowing what they are voting about. Senator Korshoj just says we always do that. He is probably right. Now as far as the call of the house, and that is...I don't always ask, I usually am reluctant to ask for a call of the house unless the vote is not there. There has been some dispute about this. There is a question about whether this should be rereferred. I don't think it is a major issue but the fact of the matter is for members to understand what the bill is about it seems appropriate that they would be here to hear the closing because many of them are out starting their day doing other things. Now as far as the procedure of having the ability to call...have a call of the house, that has been something that I