

have seen done in here on certain occasions, at least four or five times in the past two years that I have been in session, and I can recall Senator DeCamp doing it. I can recall, I think, Senator Haberman doing it. I can recall myself doing it on two occasions. Never has there been an objection. Never has there been a ruling that that is not proper or in order. I don't understand the Chair's ruling in this particular instance. Now I know the Chair can defer to Senator Warner's 18 or 20 years of experience, or whatever he has, and I appreciate all the public service that Senator Warner has gotten, but we don't rule, make rulings on the basis of seniority around here. We are supposed to make rulings that are consistently applied throughout and across the particular body, and so I would respectfully request that you overrule the Chair's ruling on it because certainly the Chair in the past two years has not ever made a ruling of this nature before on any other occasion that I can recall. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Speaking to the question of overruling the Chair, any member may speak once. Senator Warner, you are next, followed by Senators Withem, Moore. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I am reading.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, several things I want to say, I guess. Number one, I am reluctantly standing to support the motion to override. I don't think the rules provide for the type of ruling that was made. I think they should. I tend to agree with the intent of Senator Warner's question that it is unfair for an individual to make a call of the house when people come up to the floor and all they will hear will be the one side. Unfortunately, we have to operate under our rules as they are listed. I think I also want to say that I object to some of what Senator McFarland said in his opening. I do not think the Speaker of this Legislature rules on anything other than how he views the rules, and I object to the characterization that we may be showing favoritism from the Chair, and I don't think that is the case, and I want to make that statement, but I don't think the rules provide for any restrictions on the timing around which a person can ask for a motion to place the house under call. As a matter of fact, I believe we debated this, the Rules Committee, a couple of years ago, attempted to put a restriction on when the call of the