

Rules are very important so that a majority does not dominate and make up whatever rules are for their own personal pleasure at any given time to get what they want. In a democratic society, rules are important in the legislative process. What we have now before us, and I do not fault Senator Carson Rogers. He says he filed it last week and I believe him. I do not dispute the claim of the Chair, that it was not logged in, they forgot about it until now. All my point is is regardless of the situation, a mistake was made. It was not logged in the way the rules state. We have no evidence that the motion was officially logged in because it is a priority motion. If it was, in fact, as Senator Labeledz and Senator Rogers said, filed then it is a priority motion. You do not file a motion and say, wait a minute, I'll give you the high sign when I'm ready. It is a priority motion. The only motion that is above that motion is a motion to adjourn. There were no motions to adjourn at nine o'clock this morning or at nine-thirty when we began discussing this bill. Therefore, the motion did not exist at that time. If Senator Carson and Senator Labeledz are saying we were waiting for our opportunity, waiting for it until we decided when we wanted to, then at the moment that they said, yes, we want to file a motion, bingo, then it's filed and that was today which is not according to the rules, which must be filed or made on the day or the day after. I didn't make the rules, people. I don't make the rules, but I do say that any Legislature consistent in philosophical viewpoints concerning a democratic process must respect its rules even if its personally repugnant to do so on an issue. I'm sorry, I didn't make the mistake, but it was made and the ruling by the Chair is out of order because the priority motion did not...was not filed or made according to the rules that this body has made. This body is getting in a hurry, I understand that. We ought to move on to Select File but this body knows what will happen on Select File. Now somebody is fooling somebody. Either there is going to be a motion to cease debate and no amendments on Select File, or there are going to be amendments on Select File. Well, I can tell you, I already know there are motions, there are amendments at the desk for Select File. So this vote is not going to advance or pass this bill this session. This is a vote purely on rules and then we'll move on. I hope that we override the Chair, notwithstanding your personal viewpoints, but because the rules have been wronged. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING