

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just a couple. Members of the body, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I didn't make the rules. I'm not the one that made the mistake. I'm just one that's saying I don't care who makes the mistake, the Legislature must decide on the interpretations of its rules. And, Senator Lindsay, you're absolutely correct, once a motion is made to reconsider, the Legislature has five days to dispose of such a motion. And what that means is, is that if we don't get to that bill for four days, on that fifth day we have to bring it up because by rules we must dispense with that motion within five days. And the bill was brought up two days later after the motion was laid on the desk by Senator Carson. And the bill was brought up and the Lindsay amendment was discussed and you can pooh-pooh it and say, gosh, whatever, we lost a shuffle, but this was a priority motion. The motion to suspend the rules is a priority motion that supersedes all other things except a motion to adjourn. Did we supersede anything? No. We talked about the Lindsay amendment and two amendments to the amendments. Then we had a parliamentary question on withdrawing and that was not contrived, Senator Labeledz, to harass the bill. This body had already gone through that in the beginning of the session and now the body chose to do different than that and I chose to call the body on that and the body didn't care about its original interpretation, it went another way anyway. Fine. But it was a legitimate request that the body be consistent in its ruling. Now all of a sudden we have what was supposedly a priority motion that was filed, and that was...excuse me, put on the desk on Thursday or Friday. It's not anywhere to be found in the Journal. It's not printed on the summary sheets. Nobody in this body could ever prove, if they had to, that that motion was actually made. I am not saying it wasn't put on the desk, I'm saying the motion, no one in this body could prove that it was made. The only thing we know in this body is all of a sudden about 20 minutes ago we had two priority motions, one to bracket and one to reconsider. That takes priority and so now all of a sudden we had it, that's the first time this body was aware of it and, by the way, as I mentioned, Senator Labeledz, I had been talking to the Clerks, I have been keeping track of the amendments and this is the first time this one has ever come up today, two days, two days after the rules say it must be done. You can do it within one day, but you can't after the second. I think it's a good motion. I, personally, think the body will do consistently what it did last time. It doesn't care about the rule, it's simply going to vote because they have a personal