

whereby you have chosen to rule me out of order during the course of debate on a bill which is properly before the body.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair has ruled that the bill, that the motion is out of order.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then, Mr. President, I will use my mechanism and challenge the ruling of the Chair.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. That is open to debate.

SENATOR SCHMIT: (Mike not on.) ...properly before the body.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Certainly.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President. It is now five-o-six, and, Mr. President, I intend to take as much time as is necessary here to bring this bill to debate. Now we have all sorts of people here who have walked away with hundreds of millions of dollars and are going to truck along back to their home districts, wherever they want to go, and say well once again, once again, we got our shackles and we left the Commonwealth depositors holding the bag, empty though it be. Oh, we gave them a promise. We said we are going to come back next year, believe it or not. That will only be seven years after we shucked you loose and we're going to give you a chance at it next year. Ladies and gentlemen, Senator Landis is far too kind to you. He allowed you to hoodwink him a little bit because he is a gentleman and he said, well, okay. These votes have faded. Very, very difficult, isn't it, to understand why on the 85th or sixth day of the session the votes are there and on the 89th day or the 90th day they are not there. Well I can tell you why, ladies and gentlemen. We've seen it happen many times. I have had a number of 24-vote bills and I bitterly disagree with those who would hide behind procedure to keep from bringing this to a vote. I voted with the majority yesterday because I intended to ask for reconsideration. Today, when I first offered that motion, I was advised that that was not a priority motion. So having read the rule book a time or two, I went to the priority motion which is to postpone to a time certain. I have done so and I am telling you at this point in time, as Senator Chambers has warned you, admonished you from time to time, that if when you live by the rules, you die by the rules. Ladies and gentlemen, this is a proper motion. I have been here as long as most of you and I understand the rules, and