

day for the last five months, jogged with him at noon, but I tend to disagree with him and the thrust of what he was saying. I have supported this bill because, first of all, obviously, I was not here when many of the problems that occurred in '85 and whatever were before this body and I wasn't here when Senator Schmit dealt with those things and many others, Senator Chambers and others in this body, dealt with the problem of Commonwealth. But I do, from a purely in one sense, a legalistic sense, believe that there is a very good case to be made for the fact that this state does have some obligation to these particular...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Excuse me. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, I raise the point that the item under discussion at this point is whether the Chair ruled correctly or incorrectly in a parliamentary sense in ruling this motion out of order. The speakers have proceeded to go forward and debate the merits of the issue. The merits of the issue are not properly before us at this time. I appreciate Senator Ashford's remarks except I think at this point the question of whether the Chair ruled properly or improperly is what is properly before us and I've not heard anyone addressing that to this point.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Your point is well taken. The question before the body is the overruling of the Chair and I was going to make that point as I recognized the next speaker. Thank you, that is correct.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, but I think I am entitled to give some background to the point I am going to make, am I not? I think that Senator Johnson is correct. I don't believe that the Chair should be overridden, both on the merits and on the technical reasons stated, and I felt that it was important that I do give some background for that point and I will vote to not to overrule the Chair on this motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, on the question of whether the Chair shall be overruled.

SENATOR CROSBY: I have to get Senator Abboud to move away from my jellybeans so I can talk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I agree with the Chair, that this should not have been brought up and should have not been allowed to speak and I hope that the depositors, and God will forgive me for saying that. I