

went out of here yesterday at noon in shock after I heard all of the speeches that were given against the depositors and also learned the fact that several people who had voted for it last Friday were not going to vote for it yesterday. So at this time, I don't think it's a good time to bring it up. Senator Schmit I guess has wandered off some place. I'll say two more things and then yield the rest of my time to Senator Withem if he'd like to have it. I think that there's some...something escapes me here in procedures and perhaps courtesy, collegiality...collegial courtesy, this bill happens to be Senator Landis's bill to start with. The original bill is my priority bill. Senator Schmit did not even approach me as to whether I thought this might be a good idea to bring this up today and I think that might have been the courteous thing to do. So I do agree with the Chair and I will support the Chair in its ruling. Senator Withem, if you'd like to have the rest of my time...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Crosby, I appreciate that and I appreciate the opportunity to make a procedural point because I think lazy afternoon while everybody is waiting to get home, you're about, if you do not agree with the Chair, are about to set a terribly dangerous precedent because what did Senator Schmit do? Senator Schmit walked up, filed a motion on a bill that was not properly before us and by filing a bracket motion to bracket a bill to now, is basically what he is doing. He has developed a method to bring any bill to the floor of the Legislature for debate at any time if you let him get away with that. I'm telling you, right now I just filed a motion to bring LB 244, to bracket LB 244 to five-thirty this afternoon. I don't care if you debate 244 or not, but if this motion is in order, so is mine. You can bring any bill at any time immediately to the floor for debate if you let Senator Schmit get away with this. You can't do that. A couple of other points. Number one, the Chair needs to be defended in his timing on the ruling. We maybe should have rules that allow the Chair, when he sees something going on out here that is obviously way beyond the rules of procedure, to immediately lead forward and say you're out of order, but we don't have that procedure. The point must be raised from the floor. Senator Johnson, as a courteous senator, waited until his time to come up. He wasn't rude like I was with Senator Ashford a few moments ago and leaped to his feet and make the point of order.