

the matter before the Executive Board. And if the Executive Board comes up with a policy position and the Legislature really means it, then a policy can be established by the Executive Board relative to purchases made by the Legislature. It can make recommendations to other agencies, but that is all it is, is a recommendation. If the Executive Board adopts that policy position for the Legislature, we then should consider a bill that would prohibit the state from purchasing any nondegradable styrofoam products. Since this piece of paper that was voted on is not a rule, it cannot even purport to govern the conduct of the Legislature or impact on how the Legislature conducts itself. I'm not aware of any provision in the Constitution that says the Legislature is governed by resolution, and there is not any little piece of paper that is going to stop me from bringing a styrofoam cup on my desk. Very rarely do I have anything on my desk like that anyway, but I'm going to make sure I have one on my desk from now on, make sure I have it on my desk from now on. There is not even a majority that said that I can't do that or shouldn't do it or that they wish I wouldn't do it or request that I not do it. And it seems to me that the Legislature should not want to conduct business in this fashion. I also think we need to look at that rule that says that if you want a majority vote on a resolution, the request has to be made prior to the initiation of the vote or the commencement of the vote. At any point, it should be allowable to say you want a majority of those voting, but since that is the rule I'll make it a point on all the resolutions that I take any interest in, whether I'm for or against them, to say that there should be a majority vote on every resolution, then we can have enough time to properly and adequately consider these profound statements incorporated in these resolutions. But I want it crystal clear for the record that there was not a majority vote on Senator Johnson's resolution, and anything less than a majority cannot even purport to bind me to anything. So what I wish we would do is vote to reconsider. Then if a majority of you want to try to impose this, then there can at least be a majority. But if it were my resolution, and it is not, I wouldn't want it if there was less than a majority vote on it. That would make the Legislature look ridiculous. Less than a majority by an affirmative vote can bind the majority. That's what we're doing here. We're not just passing a resolution, we're attempting to regulate what the Legislature does and less than a majority can do that regulating. It's all right to have less than a majority of the elected members vote to adjourn or place the house under call, but, on final action whose intent is to bind the