

Legislature, there should always be a requirement of at least a majority of the elected members. Although this can qualify as a ceremonial resolution because it is not attempting to amend the Constitution or those other things that would be mentioned in section 2 of the rule, it is far more than ceremonial. Those other resolutions that say honor a football team or a baseball team or basketball team or somebody lived to be a hundred years and honor them, that can be dealt with less than a majority because it doesn't mean anything. It doesn't relate to the activities of the Legislature or its staff. This piece of paper that was voted on and adopted by fewer than a majority of the members purports to regulate the conduct of the Legislature. That is irrational. That makes no sense, but it fits the stereotypical picture that people have of the Legislature, doing things in haste which, upon calm reflection, are revealed to be silly. I don't know of anything sillier than a Legislature allowing itself to be governed by a proposition that less than a majority has voted for. I will not be governed by it. As soon as this is over, I'm going to go get my styrofoam cup even though I don't have them here now, put it right out there on my desk and I'll hold it in my hand. Now they had 23 votes, 22 votes on this so whichever one comes can expect to have at least 21 others to help him or her take the styrofoam cup from me, and that's the point that we have reached. I think it is irresponsible for the Legislature to pretend that something significant was done here. Resolutions are not binding. This is not a rule. I think that I've said about enough on this motion to reconsider.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, as I said, and I have reiterated it here today that, regardless of the past, the last vote that was taken that I would be taking this request to the Executive Board and at that point Senator Chambers and I and the other members of the Executive Board will then have a similar discussion, I assume, but as I think Senator Chambers said earlier in the debate, politics is a dirty business and, unfortunately, in this case, the minority did win. I have no problem with his decision to reconsider and, as I said, the battle, as he has indicated, is not over. There is still a lot to be done and we will have to discuss within the Executive Board and I have already instructed my staff to send a request to Senator Labeledz's office to put this issue on the agenda so that we can begin the discussion as soon as possible on how we