

senator, you know, all senators should be very interested in this particular thing that you have done. All a senator has to do now, by this body, by what you wanted to do in your sheer arrogance of power, all a senator has to do now is ask the Chair if that is the rule, in his view, that the Legislature must follow, and the Chair is obligated to say, yes, it is, that is our rule. Now, all any of us on any issue need to do by your action is to challenge that rule, that decision, and, ladies and gentlemen, this is the key point, it only takes 25 votes to do that. In essence, what you have done is saying that we can now suspend any rule that we so desire by 25 votes. Now this is a minor issue I just picked to press the point. I want you all to think about situations in the past and those we are going to get to on major issues where I have 25 or 26 votes on an issue, but I have lost previously and I do not have the votes to suspend the rules. I bring to mind Commonwealth, Senator McFarland. David Landis needed 30 votes to suspend the rules. He doesn't anymore. You should love that. Pick an issue where you are on the other side, Senator Lamb, and you have won, and the other side needs 30 votes to stop you. Not anymore. You'd only need 25. On school consolidation, Senator Lamb, you will love that one. That is what you have done, members of the body, and I wanted to bring this issue up for discussion so the body was clear what it's done, and when we have had adequate discussion on that, I will withdraw that, but that is what the body is in, the situation we have now for the rest of this session, and I give the rest of my time now to Senator Lamb.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, you have roughly 7 minutes, 6 1/2.

SENATOR LAMB: Six and a half minutes, what will I do with all that time?

PRESIDENT: I don't know.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, and members, Senator Bernard-Stevens says that we have learned many things and that is correct, and one of the things I have learned is that I can try to divide an amendment on bases that are not logical; I can challenge every decision by the Chair; I can do hundreds of things to delay any bill in here that I don't like and, you know, there are a lot of them in here I don't like. You all know that after all these years. But I am not going to do it. Do you know why? Because it comes back to haunt you on another