

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I would object to that.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I wasn't aware that Senator Landis wouldn't be scared up. I'll talk about it or let anybody other than the opponent.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Okay. May I ask, did Senator Landis appoint anyone to handle this for him? Alright, we'll do that, Senator Chambers, since you're on the pro side there. He did not appoint anybody, but if you're volunteering we'll go along with that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, for the record, he did check out to be excused?

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Yes, I understand that's true. Senator Withem?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, and I am not attempting to enter into the debate or anything other than I think this is an important question that maybe needs to be clarified as we go through as to what happens when an amendment is pending, a matter is pending and the individual that's carrying that is not present, and I think our customary fashion is to allow a person to either have appoint...designated somebody to do that. In that absence, it's usually not taken up, is my understanding, and I don't think it makes a big difference in this particular case. I'm sure Senator Chambers can do justice to it, but I'm wondering some time when I'm gone and I have something pending, I don't know if I just want whoever wants to stand up and volunteer to take that to be taking it, so I'm concerned about the precedent that may be being set here. And I have no problems with the amendment or with Senator Chambers handling that, but I just think it's probably not covered in our rules and we need to at least talk about the rationale for doing what we're doing.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: I would think that you're correct. We should really probably have somebody on the proponent's side open up with it since we're starting to reconsider, rather though someone who is opposed to it. So I'll take the responsibility and the blame for a bad decision. Senator Chambers, do you wish