

the appropriate rule, a rule which I think, by analogy, applies to amendments. It can be argued that since the rule does not say amendment, in terms of a co-sponsor, it doesn't mean amendment, which in that case would mean that whoever's name is on the amendment is the one who can do with that amendment what he or she pleases. But I had an amendment, and Senator Schmit had co-signed with me. And after he had signed it, because I had other amendments pending, I wanted to pull it, and I wasn't allowed to; that was on the ConAgra bill, because Senator Schmit, I'd allowed him to sign on, had as much right in that amendment as I did. But that is to change today, because we have a different issue where deals have been struck, and that...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...which was done by the body is to be done differently today. Now, having occupied the role and status that I have in this Legislature, I'm accustomed to the rules being changed in midstream on me. I don't change the rules, I live within them. But as I said, in these kind of assemblies, the rules are written with a pencil and they have an eraser, and when it's convenient, they're erased. That I find to be unsatisfactory. What can I do to stop it? Appeal to the better judgment of the legislators, although in the past that has not been successful in deterring them from carrying out a deal that was struck. But in this instance it might be wise to consider the significance and impact of saying that, if there are co-sponsors to an amendment,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and one of them wants to withdraw it, you disregard the will of the others.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ELMER: Mr. Speaker, a point of order on the rules that are being discussed.

SPEAKER BARRETT: State your point.

SENATOR ELMER: I would make a point that the things that we were talking about being sponsored are motions to return to Select File. And on page 52 is Rule 7, Section 3, that a motion shall be either stated by the presiding officer or read by the