

this area that we're talking about with reference to abortion, he is reduced to the level of the most untutored, unlettered, uneducated person. We're talking about beliefs and opinions and that's all that we have. Senator Dierks is right when he says, once, and he didn't say it exactly like this. Once the egg is fertilized, if nothing destroys that fertilized egg and it develops as it should, there is no point in that process where it is not alive. That's obvious, but at what point does it become able to exist more than momentarily outside the mother's womb. Nobody...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS ...can say with precision when that will occur. But the problem is that even if we argue those kind of points, nobody's mind is going to be changed. Nobody's position is going to alter. So, from Senator Dierks' position, unless a person holds to his point of view on this subject, he or she cannot be a statesperson and he is entitled to that opinion because my concept of a statesperson is different from his. But even after we argue those differences, we come back to the same question that has not been answered, the same problem that has not been resolved, and I believe that we're going to continue to be at loggerheads on this issue every time it comes before us. We're not going to reach a resolution, and that's why we ought to go ahead and bracket the bill.

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

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I rise for a point of order and, admittedly, this is one that is a close call but I think it is an important one for the body to decide, and I anticipate we probably will be making a decision no matter what the Speaker's rule is because it is unclear. The point I am asking the Speaker to rule on is an interpretation of Rule 7, Section 6, which states, "No motion to postpone to a time certain, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely being decided it, shall again be allowed on the same day at the same stage of the bill or proposition." It is no question that Senator Chambers previous to this time did make a motion to postpone to a time certain. The question I guess that needs to be decided is, was there, in fact, a decision on that motion and, secondly, and I, frankly, don't know if this is exactly the same motion or if it is a different time certain, but the second decision that would have to be made is can you continue to offer