

and if it didn't, then that means if somebody calls the question and you are asking for the five hands, then an additional motion could be interposed at that point, is that correct?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Well, it does occur to the Chair that the Chair's mind can be changed and was changed at this particular juncture. I recognized Senator Abboud's request to withdraw his motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here is what...I know you did that but your ruling then is based on your...you are ruling that your acceptance of his motion to call the question does not constitute action on his motion, it has not started the process of taking a vote, is that what you are saying?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, there was no vote underway.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then if somebody calls the question and the vote has not yet started, then a person can offer another motion on the subject, for example, an amendment. You have a proposition before you, the question has been called, but the vote, itself, has not been taken yet, then a person can get an amendment up there offered and the amendment is in order because the vote has not started to be taken, is that correct? I am saying between the calling of the question and the actual starting of the vote, a person is free to offer an amendment on that proposition, is that what we are saying, and it seems to me that that is what we are saying?

SPEAKER BARRETT: That was not the intent or is not the intent of the Chair.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then your accepting his motion forecloses any other action and that would be action by the Chair. There has been action on his motion taken by the only one empowered under the rules to take that action, and your acceptance of it seems to be that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: In your opinion, that could very well be, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Mr. Chairman, I am not going to fight you on this but I want that into the record so that when it happens again and I decide that I want to call the question, then when you are asking for five hands, I decide I don't want