

to call the question and I want to withdraw my motion, will I be allowed to withdraw my motion as Senator Abboud was allowed to do? Will you rule for me as you ruled for Senator Abboud?

SPEAKER BARRETT: We will approach that at the time it happens.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, then this ruling is strictly for Senator Abboud and not for Senator Chambers, too.

SPEAKER BARRETT: That is not what the Chair said.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then if I do the same thing he did, I move to call the question, and you say, do I see five hands, then I am free to stand up and withdraw my call of the question as Senator Abboud was?

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair takes each question at the appropriate time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then the ruling establishes no precedent?

SPEAKER BARRETT: In this particular case, it may or may not establish a precedent, I don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is it because the one involved would be Senator Chambers as opposed to anybody else on this floor?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Negative.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then it will be applied to me the same as it was to Senator Abboud.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I would hope that the ruling of the Chair is fair and equitable in all cases. Additional discussion on the motion to overrule the Chair, Senator Morrissey, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. I'd rise to support the Chair. It seems that Senator Withem's point is that the action of withdrawal constitutes a decision, but what Senator McFarland read on the top of page 53, under motions in writing and withdrawal, it says once motions are stated, they may be withdrawn or modified by the mover before a decision, amendment, or ordering of a vote has been made. So once motions are stated, they may be withdrawn or modified before a decision