

has been made. So it seems to me that that, to me anyway, makes it perfectly clear that the withdrawal is not a decision, and I would simply support the Chair because of that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body. I, too, rise in favor of Senator Chambers position and I sit here and look and discuss things with Senator Withem on the rules, and Senator Withem is very, very good on rules, one of the best, and I think he is in a gray area here. I think he is in a real strong gray area, and for those members that are kind of confused or just walking in, basically, we have a bracket motion that was offered earlier that was withdrawn. There is a rule that says, obviously, you cannot bracket to another time certain if the decision has already been decided, and the question now is when you withdraw the bracket motion, the original bracket motion, was that question decided. And Senator Chambers, I think, argues correctly when he says that anything can be withdrawn at some point if no action has been taken, and, obviously, no action has been taken. So I think Senator Chambers is absolutely correct that we should not overrule the Chair in this particular case. I would also kind of question that when we...I don't know if I have ever heard in the body since I have been here a motion to call the question and then we proceed, and then all of a sudden that motion is taken back. I think we all are getting a little tired. It kind of reminds me of the precedent we set earlier on LB 769 and that, too, was not when we were quite so tired but we were certainly emotional, and a precedent that we then set which kind of confuses...not confuses me at all on this issue...which concerns me on this issue is that we are not really arguing right now whether Senator Chambers is correct or Senator Withem is correct. What we now are arguing in my mind is can we make that type of decision by simply overriding the Chair which requires 25 votes. And again we are kind of in that little area again where we might technically be establishing rules or suspending rules and making new rules by not 30 votes, but, again, 25. And I think it will be really interesting sometime if somebody actually makes a motion to suspend the rule, ask the Chair if it takes 30 votes to do so, the Chair says, yes, it does, I will then move to say I move to override that decision, and we override that decision by 25, so now it doesn't take 30 votes to suspend the rules. Or even better yet, if we run a motion to extend the session, nah, that is not a good example