

Senator Bernard-Stevens indicated, too often that is the case. I hope we would vote to uphold the spirit of this rule which is designed to prevent using the bracket motion as a simple means of prolonging a debate and, in fact, filibustering a bill. That is the reason I raised the point. I hope it will set a precedent. I hope it will be used against me sometime if I choose to use bracket motions to delay a bill sometime because I think it is the proper way that this body should operate is to allow full discussion but not allow motions to be used simply as delaying tactics. So I urge you to support the motion to overrule the Chair. May I ask the number of votes that will be needed to overrule the Chair.

SPEAKER BARRETT: That was a question?

SENATOR WITHEM: That was a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: A majority of those members present.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you. May I then ask what will the numerical number be that will constitute a majority of those present. Would it be appropriate to check in to make a determination as to what that number might be.

SPEAKER BARRETT: If that is your request.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would so request.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Would members please check in. Anyone off the floor, please return and record your presence. The magic number, Senator Withem, should be 21. Senator Hall, Senator Rod Johnson, Senator Lowell Johnson. Senator Lowell Johnson, Senator Rod Johnson. All present and accounted for. Twenty-one is, again, the magic number and the question is, shall the Chair be overruled? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk, proceed with the roll call.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1778 of the Legislative Journal.) 26 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair is overruled.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion, that being to