

and I think the Chair's ruling is incorrect. Once we have taken up the motion to overrule the Chair, it is appropriate, overrule the agenda, then we take it up and it is appropriate to consider it. I think realistically, and we all know what is going on here, if this motion is successful and we vote on 854 right now, you're not going to see other motions to overrule the agenda because that bill, once that advances, once, and my whole point is once LB 854 is disposed of, this day will go much smoother for all of us and I don't think anyone is kidding anyone when you say if we delay a vote on LB 854, we're going to see amendments and motions to suspend the rules and motions to override and motions to reconsider and motions to overrule the Chair on all of these other bills that precede it and we're never going to get to it. Senator Barrett, our Speaker, has said he is trying to be fair in all of the rulings he makes and I appreciate his attempted objectivity, but the truth of the matter is that the rules can be perverted as they have been perverted all this session. The reason we have not considered important legislation is because senators have manipulated and perverted the rules to delay votes on the parental notice bill, on LB 854, on LB 976, on other types of bills that we have had before us, all of those kind of things. And there comes a time when you say, when the Speaker has to exercise some authority and say, I have the discretion whether to consider certain things, I have the discretion whether to acknowledge them or this whole session breaks down and we never get anything passed. My reason for moving to overrule the Chair is that...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...there has been precedent established. Second thing is that implicit in the rules, the Rule 1, Section 16 means nothing if you can never make the motion as Senator Withem said, and it's not something you consider after the fact and have...say it's up to the Rules Committee next year. It is, in fact, something that has to be considered. The Chair has already recognized it and it should be debated, discussed and voted upon. If it fails, it fails. Bring it to a vote, and with that, I'll end and I urge you to overrule the Chair's ruling.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Senator Chambers, Senator Labeledz on deck.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature,