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despite the rules, the fact that the rules say this, they don't really mean that. That is a nonsensical argument and I hope that the Chair is not overruled simply because of LB 854 but there will be a lot of votes for that reason only. But if the Chair is overruled, then that vote sets the standard for the rest of what we do today. In other words, I'm supporting the Chair.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I very seldom like to overrule the Chair, but in this case I definitely will do that. I just checked with the Clerk and Senator Bernard-Stevens already has bracket motions up for LB 854 and Senator Schimek has a pro-abortion amendment on 854. The...I know that, and I said it yesterday and I'll say it again today, Senator Chambers, you are very qualified to hold up any bill in this Legislature unless we overrule the Chair now and then get 30 votes to suspend the rules and take up 854. Now when 854 is taken up with one hour's debate, that should be sufficient for 854. I, myself, will give up my time to anyone on the floor opposing 854 when the bill finally does come up in front of the Legislature. It is unfortunate that this morning we had two or three, at least three that I know of, to overrule Chair and nothing was said and nobody called anybody out of order or challenged the Chair or made the Chair come up with a decision, and now all of a sudden the Chair had to make a decision. But I do want you to know, and I would like to ask Senator Withem a question because it will help me decide what I'm going to do. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, are you present?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Maybe Senator Warner can answer the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, would you respond to a question...or Senator Withem is back in the Chamber. Who do you prefer?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Withem, will...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, please, would you respond.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yesterday we passed over LR 239CA. Do you intend to take that up which will come before 854?