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PRESIDENT: Okay.

SENATOR McFARLAND: Point of order, Mr. President. If we're going to debate this, can we debate it from the floor?

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, your inquiry is, is this a rule, and does the priority motion have priority over your motion, and the answer is, yes. So that's...

SENATOR McFARLAND: I move to overrule your ruling on that.

PRESIDENT: No, you can't do that.

SENATOR McFARLAND: Why can't I?

PRESIDENT: Because you're not making an inquiry as to my ruling. And my ruling is simply following a simple rule of your rules, and I don't think you have a right to...

SENATOR McFARLAND: I'm moving to overrule your interpretation of the rules.

PRESIDENT: I'm simply answering a question. And I don't think I'm making a ruling, so I don't think you have a right to overrule a ruling that I haven't made.

SENATOR McFARLAND: Senator Chambers, I think we're both losing. I would ask to overrule your ruling that it is a priority motion.

PRESIDENT: There isn't a ruling before us, Senator McFarland. Prior...I think your rules are very explicit that a priority motion takes precedent over it, and I don't think I have a right to change that. Okay?

SENATOR McFARLAND: Okay, fine, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. This is an issue that's been before us for all session. It's loomed from the beginning of the interim, when members of the Legislature were asked, I think throughout the state, what they thought the upcoming session would be like. Most comments that I heard...the comments that I heard most