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nay. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I just wanted to make sure that they understand that we're voting on Senator Bernard-Stevens overruling the chair.

SPEAKER BARRETT: That's correct.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Those in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President, on overruling the Chair.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. We're now prepared to vote on ceasing debate on the Lindsay motion to overrule the Chair. The question is, shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Roll call has been requested. Mr. Clerk, call the roll. The question, again, is ceasing debate on the Lindsay motion made earlier to overrule the Chair.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1900-01 of the Legislative Journal.) We're not under call, Senator. We're not under call. 25 ayes, 9 nays, to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Lindsay, will you please close on your motion to overrule?

SENATOR LINDSAY: You don't know how much I'd love to, Mr. President. This motion's pretty straightforward. I've heard, throughout the debate, I've heard about how rules are or are not being perverted, how...I don't know if we self-righteous or whatever that...about how maybe one side's complying with those rules and is doing what's allowed. I don't think a speaker, since we brought this up, I don't think a speaker has stuck to the issue. The issue is an interpretation of the rules. Senator Scofield talked about the bill. Senator Bernard-Stevens...well, I got to say I honestly wasn't listening, Dave. The...I don't think we stuck to the issue, and that issue is merely whether we're going to overrule the Chair on a rules interpretation. What it comes down to is we're not operating under rules. One of my colleagues just came back here and said, we're not operating under rules. That's the only rule we have right now, is there aren't any. We've got to do what we