

Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature. This motion is one to reconsider a vote that we took earlier. That vote, in effect, overruled the Chair. The Chair had ruled correctly. It was whether or not a bracket motion has been decided when the bracket motion continues to be in its unaltered form. The Chair correctly ruled that the motion had not been decided because there had not been a vote on the motion. Senator Lindsay persuaded a majority of those voting to say that, despite what the rule clearly states, it doesn't make any difference. Vote that the motion has been decided even though, in fact, it has not. Now, if you're talking about perversion of the rules, that is one. That's perversion of the language too, but those are the tactics that are resorted to on the floor of the Legislature, in the streets, wherever. One design to bulldoze and use either force or the threat of it to work your will. In some settings it will work; in others it will not. Some years ago there was a boxer called Sugar Ray Robinson. He was a middle weight. At his top weight he may have weighed 165 pounds. They say pound per pound he was the greatest fighter who ever lived. But because he was such a great fighter they wanted to match him against another young powerful heavy weight named Floyd Patterson, and Robinson said there's no way as small as I am that I'm going to get in the ring with that man and fight him. And they began to wave more and more dollars in front of Sugar Ray Robinson and do you know what Sugar Ray Robinson said? The more I look at that money the more Floyd Patterson begins to look like Tom Thumb. Now, when I watch football games, there are announcers who will talk about these big players and say, wow, I wouldn't get out there in his way; wow, if he looked at me like that I'd take off running. Well, that's why he's in the box announcing because he's a coward. It's not the size of the man in the fight. It's the size of the fight in the man. And if people are making veiled threats they shouldn't make them veiled. They should come on out and say what they got on their mind. In the street they tell you, you say another word and I'll hit you in your mouth. Then you decide if you want to say another word. And then if the one think's he's big enough to hit you in the mouth, he proceeds to try to carry out what he said he's going to do. And