

strange, Senator Hall, if those bills introduced by Schmit and Haberman reach the floor tomorrow. If they don't reach the floor, it is very difficult for this body, as a group, to have any input on those. That is the only way that the additional 41 members, and therein the people they represent, can express their point of view on something other than the bills which have been proposed, which today almost everyone wants to distance themselves from. Governor Orr has worked very diligently, very sincerely, and very dedicatedly to try to resolve the problem from her point of view. We have an obligation to give to her our point of view, another point of view, another solution,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...because as she has said, we should work together. The very groups whom she mentioned who have supported her, worked with her on the drafting of the two bills, have in two instances told me they did not even see the bills before they were presented to the body, and certainly were attempting to distance themselves from them. I would suggest, ladies and gentlemen, that the best possible hearing for these bills is a full and open debate before the legislative floor. However, I am a realist. I know it is not going to happen. Mr. Chairman, with your permission, I ask that the resolution be withdrawn.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The motion is withdrawn. For the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of hearing notices from various Standing Committees regarding scheduling of confirmation hearings. Pursuant to the filing of those hearing notices, Mr. president, I have a motion to suspend Rule 9, Section 3 to permit the committees to conduct confirmation hearings on gubernatorial appointments more than five calendar days following the referral of such appointments by the Reference Committee.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I move to suspend the rules, Rule 9, Section 3, to permit committees to conduct confirmation hearings on gubernatorial appointments more than five calendar days following the referral of such appointments by the Reference Committee. Thank you.