

has to do with the debate, and certainly don't know what Senator Hall or Senator Schmit's message earlier in the day has to do with...with the debate on whether the Chair should be sustained at this particular point. I think the Chair should be sustained.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would vote you to...I would urge you to vote no on the motion to overrule the Chair.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Madam President, and members, I actually rise to support the Chair in this motion even though I...nobody should look so surprised, but I think Senator Hall raised a perfectly good point and the rules are in exact conflict, Rule 7.7 says one thing, Rule 7.10 says another thing. Senator Hall was in perfect order to raise that point. I think this needs to be going through to even set the precedent. I think the precedent probably should be that the cloture does have supreme authority. But I think the body, as far as in this next vote, is going to set that precedent and I think if it takes the Rules Committee to rewrite that rule to adhere to that precedent, I think it's important, but I think it's one of those things you need to separate, for that vote, you need to separate the issue from the...the issue at hand from the issue about cloture and that's what we need to talk about. And so, for that reason, I will...I will vote to overrule the Chair because I, myself, brought the cloture rule to the body a number of years and finally got it passed and I was...probably feel at some point in time I would be the victim of that rule and was somewhat surprised that Senator Warner, who always opposed that rule, is the first one in the body to invoke it. But that's, obviously, his prerogative in the rules and we're the ones that made the rules over his objections to allow him to do that. So he's perfectly within the rules to do that and I understand that. (Laughter.) I said over your objection, that's why I didn't realize that the first victim and I would be at the losing end of it, for one, and that Senator Warner would be the one to file the motion. That comes as a surprise, but, nevertheless, that's the way it is. The other thing is, I reiterate cloture was designed when a bill was in the form and the majority of voters of the body want to move it over, this bill is not in the proper form yet. That's why cloture