

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Withem to speak to his motion.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Sometimes when we're off the floor doing other things we come in midway through. We aren't quite clear what is happening and I just need an explanation of what happened on that amendment. Senator Chambers, would you respond to a question, please?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Senator Dierks and I were choosing weapons.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Well, choose well, Senator Chambers. I filed this motion to reconsider because I am incredibly confused and maybe I didn't have the right information in front of me. The amendment that 21 senators just voted to defeat was this amendment in my hand, on page 2, line 15, strike "shall include" and insert "means",...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...was that the amendment or are we...a different amendment at this time?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That was it but we also, if you look on page 2 at the end of line 16 we would add the words "to animals" and this is what the definition would say. Veterinary medicines means medicines for the prevention or treatment of disease or injury to animals, and it was voted down as you saw.

SPEAKER WITHEM: So you did in fact...I mean this amendment was not literally what we were voting on? We were voting on something other than this amendment that I have in my hand?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. There were two other words at the end and the purpose of the amendment was to make it clear that veterinary medicines for the purpose of this exemption means only those medicines used by veterinarians for the treatment of diseases and the rest of it says, to animals.

SPEAKER WITHEM: And you added the words "to animals" in addition to this?